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# From Sorrow to Joy

Your Sorrow Will Turn Into Joy!

Why did Jesus tell His disciples that they would weep and be sorrowful???

Jesus was neither a pessimist nor a masochist and He was certainly more of a realist // the way to happiness and joy in the kingdom of God is through the cross (+). Sin must be brought to the cross (+) of Jesus Christ and evil can only be completely mastered by the power of God's redeeming love. Jesus told His disciples that it was more blessed to mourn for sin because it would yield the fruits of peace, joy and righteousness. Jesus knew that the cross (+) would be a stumbling block for those who refused to believe in Him.

We, too have a share in the victory and the joy of Christ's resurrection. The cross (+) for Jesus was not defeat, but victory – victory over sin, over the forces of evil in the world, and over the devil – the arch-enemy of God and the human race through the atoning sacrifice on the cross (+) // Jesus won for us new abundant life and freedom over the power of sin, despair and death, itself. The seven (7) fold gifts of the devil are: By the way, all of them begin with the letter – “D”: despair, depression, defeat, death, deception, doubt and discouragement.

Jesus was raised in power from the tomb on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day and His glorified body will never taste death again. The Easter victory of the Lord gives us courage, strength, confidence and hope in the face of suffering and death in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our fears are laid to rest. Jesus' resurrection is total and the final triumph over death and for us // we receive, in turn // peace and joy, confidence, certainty that we, too, will be raised to everlasting life with Christ for ever and ever.

“Lord Jesus, we pray to be an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song // fill us with your spirit that we may be radiant with joy of your resurrection and learn to live in the reality of your great victory over sin and death, itself!” Jesus is risen from the tomb . . . Alleluia, Alleluia!”

Paz en Cristo!

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