

KNOWING JESUS WHO TURNS GRIEF TO JOY



JOHN 16:17-33

**I. Jesus offered a
promise of joy to the
bewildered disciples
-John 16:17-20.**



- What was their problem with His words in verse 16?
- What would they have to endure before that joy would come?
- What must we endure before we realize that joy?

II. Jesus described and promised a joy that nobody can take from you (v.21-22).



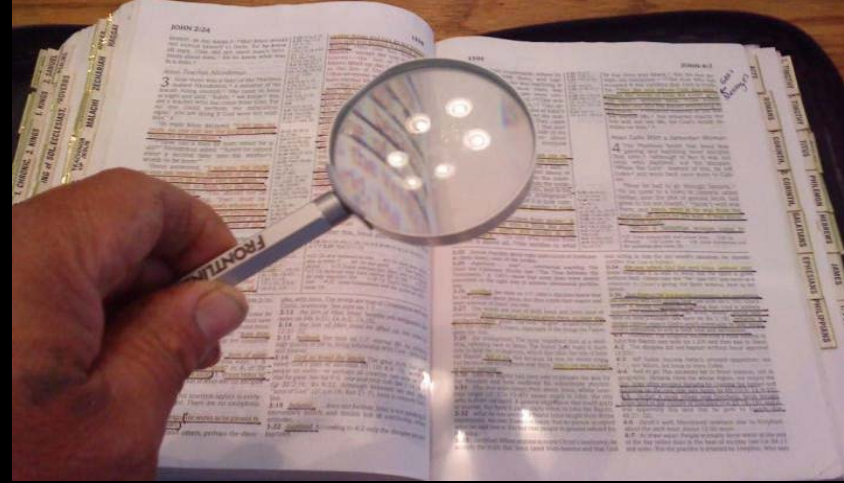
- **How does our joy compare to the joy of child-bearing?**
- **How and when can we experience this kind of joy?**

III. Jesus promised that God would grant their requests 'in His name' (v.23-24).



- **How would their requests be granted after Jesus left them?**
- **How are our requests granted?**

IV. Jesus shares that the Father loves those who love Jesus (v.25-30).



- How can you describe the joy of having direct access to the Father?
- How can we appreciate Jesus speaking more clearly than He did with them?

V. Jesus brings joy to those who have endured trouble (v.31-33).



- What kinds of fears and trials did they experience at the crucifixion?
- What peace and joy is available to us as we overcome?

**Call to Action: To
boldly follow the
only One who turns
our grief into joy.**



- What can we do to more clearly focus our attention on Jesus?
- What are we willing to endure, knowing we can have a joy that cannot be taken away?
- How can we make God and His Son the focus of our prayers?
- What are you enduring right now that you need Jesus to help with?

-How can we help?