

# Joy in the Face of Sorrow

John 16:1-33

## **Collision with Religion – John 16:1-6**

Jesus warned us that knowing Him and sharing the truth about Him would bring wrath and retaliation from the world. See I John 3:1-13

## **Comfort from God's Spirit and the Truth – John 16:7-15**

Jesus promised that His Spirit would not only be with us to guide and comfort us, but also to deal with the hearts of those that are in the world.  
See John 14:12-27; I John 4:1-6; 5:4-5.

## **Converting Sorrow into Joy – John 16:16-33**

Resurrection of Christ – John 16:16-22

What ever sorrows the world may inflict, the resurrected Christ gives hope and power to cheer and enliven us.

See John 14:19; Ephesians 1:15-21; Philippians 3:10; 4:13;  
II Timothy 2:8-10.

Relationship with the Father – John 16:23-28

What ever needs develop in this world, Christ provides us direct access to the Father for the grace and help that we need.

See John 14:6, 23; Hebrews 4:14-16; 10:19-25.

Real Faith – John 16:29-33

Others may have an intellectual understanding of the gospel, but real faith will be tested and then grow into a stronger working relationship with God. One of the evidences of real faith is joy in the midst of sorrow.

See James 1:2-8; I Peter 1:3-9; Acts 13:49-52; II Peter 3:18.