

SO LONG SORROW

Sorrow Is Not For The Believer

- I. **Joy is God's plan and will for the believer and He does not want us spending our days in being sad and sorrowful**
- A. Sorrow was never God's plan and if it not for the devil there'd be none- Before him there was none, when he's removed there'll be none-**Gn3:16**-In sorrow you shalt bring forth children; **Rv21:4**-God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, NEITHER SORROW
- B. Sorrows is not for me-Righteous people who seek God are supposed to be glad **NOT** sad but sorrow is for the wicked-**Ps64:10**-The RIGHTEOUS shall be GLAD (brighten up, joy) in The Lord; **Ps40:16**-let all those that seek thee rejoice (bright, display joy) and be glad in thee; **Ps32:10**-many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the lord, mercy shall compass him about; be glad in the lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all you that are upright in heart
- II. **In this life you will experience feelings of sorrow and sadness but as believers we are not to just live in a perpetual state of sadness and sorrow (moody, grumpy, down, upset about something all the time)**
- A. We are to live in a perpetual state of joy-**Ph4:4**-Rejoice (be glad) in the Lord ALWAYS (at all times); and again I say, Rejoice; **NOG**-Always be joyful; **1Th5:16**-Rejoice EVERMORE (at all times); **AC**-Rejoice and be glad-hearted CONTINUALLY
- B. No sad days-**Ps90:14**-O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad ALL OUR DAYS; **VO**-We will sing with joy...every day we are alive
- C. Our joy is a big part of our witness-To walk in joy and gladness in this dark place testifies of our good God (EX-New York, Smiling when saved)
- D. Joy is a mark of a spiritual person-Any carnal person can walk around sad and miserable; It takes a spiritual person and strong believer to rejoice and be glad every day in spite of how you feel-That requires strength, courage, perseverance; It takes nothing to be moody
1. Being somber about all the evil in the world is not being spiritual- **Ps37:12**-The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. The Lord shall laugh at him: for he sees that his day is coming
- E. WE must to watch about getting into the day-to-day grind of life and not smiling, not laughing, living joyless-It does not minister to the Lord
- F. God likes gladness-**Ps95:1**-Let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms; **Ps100:2**-Serve the Lord with gladness; **1Ch16:27**-Glory and honor are in his presence; strength and gladness are in his place
- III. **Sorrow is a curse and Jesus redeemed us from it**-**Dt28:15**-All these curses shall come on you; ⁶⁵...the Lord shall give them there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, sorrow of mind; **Ga3:13**-Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law being made a curse for us; **Ep1:7**-We have redemption through is blood; **Is53:4**-He carried our sorrows
- A. To live in sorrow is a cursed existence-No sorrow with the blessing-**Pr10:22**-The blessing of the Lord, it makes rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it
- B. There's blood between you and sorrow and if you'll take your stand against it, it can be turned to joy-**Ps30:11**-You have turned my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness; **Jb41:22**-Sorrow is
- C. Say: I've been redeemed from sorrow and my down days, my depressed days are over. I am entering into the joy of the Lord like never before!