

## **“Irrepressible Joy & Irremovable Peace!”**

**John 16:16-33**

### **The Parable**

**“In A Little While” – Sorrow & Anguish / Weep & Lament**

### **Followed By**

**“In A Little While” – Joy & Peace / Rejoice & Peace**

### **CONTEXT - Parable**

Deals Directly With The Following Three Days In  
The Life Of The Apostles - Good Friday To Easter Sunday!  
The Parable Can Also Mean A Time When We Await The Last Days/Three Days  
Before The Second Coming Of The Lord Again From Heaven!

**(Matthew 24:29-30)**

### **The First Occurrence: “In A Little While”**

The *Trial, Scourging, Crucifixion, & Death* Of Jesus Christ  
On The Following Day On *Good Friday*.

These Events Would Cause His Family & Followers To Have:

**“Anguis & Sorrow” & To “Lament & Weep”**

### **The Second Occurrence: “In A Little While”**

The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ Three Days Later On Easter Sunday.

This Event Would Cause His Family & Followers To Experience An

**“Irrepressible Joy” & An “Irremovable Peace”**

**Verses 21 – 23a:** *“A woman, when she is in labor, has **sorrow** because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the **anguish**, for **joy** that a human being has been born into the world. Therefore, you now have **sorrow**; but I will see you again & your heart will **rejoice**, & your **joy** no one will take from you. And in that day, you will ask **Me** nothing.”*

### **Jesus Likens The Sorrow & Joy They Will Experience In Those Three Days To Childbirth!**

Jesus Also Likens The Sorrow & Joy Of Childbirth To The Experiences Of The End Of The Age!  
And **Jesus** answered them, *“See to it that no one misleads you. For many will come in **My Name**, saying, ‘**I AM the Christ**,’ & will mislead many. You will be hearing of wars & rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. For nation will rise against nation, & kingdom against kingdom, & in various places there will be famines & earthquakes. But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs!”*

**Matthew 24:4-8 (NASB)**

Jesus Reminds Us That No Matter How Much Anguish, Pain, & Sorrow Is Going On Around Us, & Even To Us, We Will Forget It All At The Discovery Of New Life, Eternal Life, & At His Second Coming, The One Day That Will Bring Us Only His Presence, His Joy, & His Peace Forever!

### **Paul Also Continues This Analogy Started By Jesus**

*“Now as to the times & the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know full well that the **Day of the Lord** will come just like a thief in the night. While they are saying, ‘Peace & safety!’ then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, & they will not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the **Day** would overtake you like a thief; for you are all **Sons & Daughters Of Light & Sons & Daughters Of The Day**. We are not of night nor of darkness; so, then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert & sober.”*

**1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:1-6 (NASB)**

**Verses 23b – 24:** *“Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the **Father in My Name**, He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in **My Name**. Ask, & you will receive, that your **(Irrepressible) Joy** may be full!”*

Jesus Reminds Us That His Father Wants To Bless Us & Give Us Every Good Thing In His Will!

But We Need To Ask In Faith Our Prayers & Petitions.

Believing Without A Doubt That God Knows Best, & Desires To Only Give Us His Best!

Jesus Also Desires To Make His Plans & His Will Clear To Every Believer!

Yet How Many Times Do I Say Or Do I Hear From Others These Questions:

**Q:** "What Is God's Will For My Life?"

**Q:** "Why Do I Not Hear His Voice Clearly All The Time?"

**Q:** "Why Do I Keep Asking These Things?"

**Q1:** "What Is God's Will For Me?"

**Q2:** "What Is God's Will For My Family?"

**Q3:** "What Is God's Will For My Church?"

**Q4:** "What Is God's Will For My Community?"

**CQ:** "Why Don't I Hear From God's Spirit Clearly?"

**A:** Because I ...

Refuse To Turn My Back On My Sin!

Refuse To Turn My Back On My Desire To Sin!

Refuse To Die To Self!

**A:** Because I ...

Lack True Faith!

Lack Intimacy With The Holy Spirit!

Lack Self-Discipline & Humility!

**A:** Because I ...

Need To Surrender My Will Every Day!

Need To Surrender My Life Every Day!

Need To Surrender All Of Me Every Day!

I Must Learn To Live In The Presence Of The Holy Spirit

Each Day, So That I Will Become More Like

**CHRIST:**

Changed

Humbled

Renewed

Indwelled

Sanctified

Transformed

It Is In This Close Relationship With God's Holy Spirit That The

*Irrepressible Joy Of The Lord* Will Preside Within Us & Show Through Us To The World!

**Verse 31 – 33:** Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? Indeed, the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, & will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have (Irremovable) Peace. In the world you will have \*tribulation; <sup>V 16:2-V 14:27</sup> but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world!"

Jesus Reminds Us All That At Times

Our Faith Will Be Tested & Sometimes Shaken,

But We All Have A Choice To Ask For His Help & His Power

Or To Try & Hold On Ourselves In Our Own Power!

It Is At This Time That We Must **Trust & Abide**

& We Will Possess *His Irremovable Peace!*

Jesus Declares That In Trusting & Abiding  
In Him - Will Allow Us To Possess:  
An **Irremovable Peace** The World Cannot Give!  
An **Irremovable Peace** The World Cannot Take Away!  
& An **Irremovable Peace** Even At The End Of The World  
At His Second Coming!

Jesus declared, "**Peace I leave with you; My Peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful. You heard that I said to you, 'I go away, & I will come back to you.' If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. Now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe.**" John 14:27-29 (NKJV)

Peter, A Follower Of Jesus Who Experienced First-Hand  
This Very Message That Night Long Ago,

Followed By The Death, & Resurrection, & Ascension Of Jesus Reminds Us:

**"So, humble yourselves under the mighty Power of God, & at the right time He will lift you up in honor. Give all your worries & cares to God, for He cares for you. Stay Alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand Firm against him & be Strong In Your Faith. Remember that your Christian brothers & sisters all over the world are going through the same kind of suffering you are. "In His Kindness, God called you to Share in His Eternal Glory by the means provided through Christ Jesus. So, after you have suffered a little while, He will restore, support, & strengthen you, & He will place you on a firm foundation. All Power & Glory be to Him forever! Amen!"** 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:6-11 (NASB)

If God So Loved You That He Willingly  
& With Great Joy & Goodwill Toward You,  
Gave You The Life Of His Only Son, Jesus Christ;  
Then What An **"Irrepressible Joy"** & **"Irremovable Peace"**  
Is Yours Today Just For The Asking!

The Spirit of God Bids You To Come & Experience The  
**"Irrepressible Joy"** & **"Irremovable Peace"** Of Your Lord Today  
As You Dwell Daily In His Abiding Presence & He With You!