

## Weep Not For Me, But Weep For Yourselves Luke 23 Verse 28

Lu 23:24 "And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required. 25 And he released unto them him that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired; but he delivered Jesus to their will. 26 ¶ And as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus. 27 And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him. 28 But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children."

"**which also bewailed and lamented him.**" Consider these women who "**bewailed and lamented**" over Jesus. We understand from Jesus's comment "**weep not for me**," that they were weeping, over the abuse he had already suffered, and the agony they knew he would suffer from death on the cross. They wept because of their love for Jesus. They were not as those who crucified Jesus, who rejoice in bringing pain and agony upon others.

Jesus is not telling them: do not grieve. Rather, Jesus is telling them to redirect their grief. Jesus is telling them: I am going the way, which God the Father and I have covenanted together, that I must go; to bring eternal remission of sins, and eternal salvation, to God's chosen people. Jesus is telling them: You are grieving for me because of the excruciating death that lies before me, which will take me away from you physically, which is weeping with a natural love. Weep, and grieve, with a spiritual love for yourself, and for your children, that you all might be partakers of that which I will accomplish on the cross.

"**weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.**" How can we make application of this word of Christ to ourselves? We can weep over the fact that we are sinners, which made it necessary for Jesus to die that excruciating death on our behalf. We can weep with sorrow, as our consciences convict us of our individual sins, realizing, that, because of each particular sin, Jesus died on the cross.

On the other hand: We can weep, with joy, that Jesus did suffer, bleed, and die on our behalf. Our tears should be a continual stream of joyfulness, as we behold the greatness of the love that Jesus had for us.

We should weep with joy because we have received eternal life, and salvation here in time. We should weep with anguish of soul desiring eternal life and eternal salvation for our children. We should weep with joy if our children have already been saved by God's grace. However, we still should weep with anguish for their, and for our, perseverance, and preservation, in the Christian life, here in time.

We should weep with joy that Jesus, while on earth, healed and saved many people. Likewise, we should weep with joy that Jesus has healed us, and cured us, of the disease called sin sickness, which leads to eternal death. Consider Mary Magdalene in: **Mr 16:9 ¶ "Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.**" Now, consider our own lives, and the fact that Jesus has cast out of us a legion of devils and evil spirits. Wherefore, we all should weep with joy.

We know that Jesus visited the Old Testament saints from time to time. However, we should weep, with joy of heart and soul, that we have that precious gift of "**Christ in you**," that comes with the new birth. Jesus is always present with us and does not just visit us from time to time. Sometimes, we forget that Jesus is in us, and in so doing, we ignore that precious gift. Wherefore, we should weep and grieve, when we realize we have lost sight of that precious gift.

In following Christ in discipleship: we often grieve and mourn, over the New Testament church which Jesus established, when we see satanic disharmony making inroads into the peace, and harmony, of God's people. On the other hand: we should rejoice with joyful weeping, remembering; no matter how much trouble the devil stirs up in the church, the church is safe in the hands of Jesus. The eternal security of the church is already accomplished and cannot be undone.

We pray: these few remarks give us a better perspective, of what Jesus was saying to those who followed him to the cross, "**weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.**" It is a reminder to us: look beyond what this world has to offer us. Delve into the depts, of the riches, of God's word of truth, the King James Bible. Bask in the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ, and the blessed realm of heavenly things in Christ. Lord Jesus, we thank you for your finished, and eternal, work of Salvation by Grace. Hallelujah! Amen!