Joy in Christ
John 16:16-24

Main Point:
Foster the increase of your joy in Christ through prayer in His name.

1. There are many occasions for sorrow in life.

2. But there is always joy for you in the salvation of Christ.

3. Foster the increase of your joy through prayer in His name.

Matthew Henry "The sufferings of Christ could not but be the sorrow of his disciples."

Mark 16:10 10 She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. (NKJV)

1 Peter 1:6 6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, (NKJV)

Romans 4:25 25 [Jesus] was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. (ESV)

John Gill "Christ's resurrection did not procure the justification of his people, that was done by his obedience and death; but was for the testification of it, that it might fully appear that sin was atoned for …"

Romans 14:17 17 For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. (NKJV)

Psalm 16:11 11 … You will show me the path of life; In Your presence *is* fullness of joy; At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore. (NKJV)

John Gill "Though a believer's joy may be damped by sin, and Satan, and the world, it may not be always in lively exercise; yet the matter of it always remains in Christ, and the principle of it in themselves can never be destroyed."

James Montgomery Boice "It is a family privilege. God does not promise to hear the prayer of anyone who comes to him in any way but through faith in the person and work of his unique and beloved Son."

John Gill "Whatever is asked will be given; his blood within the veil speaks loud for every blessing; his righteousness, God is always pleased with; his sacrifice is a sweet smelling savor: his mediation is powerful."

R. Kent Hughes "Prayer is not a means by which we get God to do what we want. Rather, it is a means by which God does through us what he wants."

Matthew Henry "Would we have our joy full, as full as it is capable of being in this world, we must be much in prayer."