

Scripture: John 16

Singing: 347:1-4 – 319:1-5 – 204:1-4 – 162:1-2

**Jesus commands you to be of good cheer
despite the hardships you will experience.**

I. The 1st reason to be of good cheer is because He has bought you your peace

A. “Be of good cheer” is a commanding direction: Matt. 9:2, 22; 14:27

1. This ‘good cheer’ is to characterize you as a Christian: Rom 14:17; Gal. 5:22
2. Jesus encourages you to ask boldly, so your ‘joy may be full’ (John 16:24)
3. Spurgeon: *Man was not made to mourn but to rejoice. As a Christian, we have a sweeter and deeper reason to do so.*

B. Jesus tells us why we are to be of good cheer:

1. First because of ‘*all the things I have spoken unto you*’

2. Secondly because ‘*might have your peace in me*’

a. compare 14:27 (root) with 16:33 (fruit)

- His peace is your *legacy* and *treasure* (Rom. 5:1)

b. when you believe 14:33 will you experience 16:33

- Now the God of hope fill you with *all joy and peace in believing* that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit’ (Rom. 15:13)

C. Jesus expects you to ‘meditate on and rejoice daily in His teachings

II. The 2nd reason to be of good cheer is because He overcame the world for you

A. Jesus never hid the reality of suffering as a Christian in this world

1. *Peace in Me* but while *tribulations in the world*

a. tribulation will be experienced at all levels

b. tribulations are unavoidable (2 Cor. 4:16-18)

- B. Yet Jesus did not tell this to discourage but encourage you: *be of good cheer*
1. compare 1 John 2:13; 4:4; Rev. 12:11

Reflect & Act

- A. As a Christian, do you view your life through John 16:33, Romans 8:18?
- B. If not a Christian, how will you face tribulations? (Eph. 2:12; Is. 48:22)

Gems on Adoption as Children of God

How great is the love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called the children of God. (1 John 3:1)

God's taking us into His family as His children, is a greater mercy than delivering us from hell. To be adopted is a greater privilege than to be justified. Justification frees us from wrath; adoptions brings us into God's family." (Watson)

What a dignity to be the sons of God! It makes every condition sweet. (Sibbes)

The be God's child is the highest honor, and the safest condition. (Flavel)

The poorest believer, being a child of God, is richer than all earthly kings combined. (Boston)

What greater privilege can there be than to have the infinite and all-loving God as our Father! (Ussher)

In adoption, God takes the rebel and makes her a child. He takes the outcasts and gives him a home. (Spurgeon)

You may judge of your adoption, by your likeness to your Father. (Spurgeon)