

**His Final Words...  
Our First Concern**

Therefore had  
It is finished: a  
e up the ghost.

**WELCOME!**

**Finding Peace in Perilous Times**

*I tell you the truth, you will weep  
and mourn while the world rejoices.  
You will grieve, but your grief  
will be turned to JOY.*

**John 16:20-24**

*A woman giving birth to a child  
has pain because her time has come;  
but when her baby is born  
she forgets her anguish because  
of her JOY that a child is born  
into the world.*

**John 16:20-24**

*So with you: Now is your time  
of grief, but I will see you again  
and you will REJOICE, and no one  
will take away your JOY...*

*Until now you have not asked  
for anything in my name.*

*Ask and you will receive,  
and your JOY will be complete.*

**John 16:20-24**

*“I have told you these things,  
so that in me you may have peace.  
In this world you will have trouble.  
But take heart! I have overcome  
the world.”*

**John 16:33**

*...the joy of the Lord  
is your strength.*

**Nehemiah 8:10**

...therefore had  
it is finished:

# Keys to Maintaining Hearts of Joy

**Key #1:**

**Realize that joy  
is your birthright now**

Therefore had  
It is finished:

*“I tell you the truth,  
you will weep and mourn  
while the world rejoices.”*

**John 16:20**

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it is finished:



*“I tell you the truth,  
you will weep and mourn  
while the world rejoices.  
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will turn to joy.”*

**John 16:20**

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has pain because her time has come;  
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she forgets the anguish because  
of her joy that a child is born  
into the world.*

**John 16:21-22**

*It is finished:*

*So with you:  
Now is your time of grief,*

**John 16:21-22**

...to me  
...had  
...is finished:  
...above

*So with you:  
Now is your time of grief,  
but I will see you again  
and you will rejoice, and no one  
will take away your joy.*

**John 16:21-22**

*Though you have not seen him,  
you love him; and even though  
you do not see him now, you believe  
in him and are filled with  
an inexpressible and glorious joy,  
for you are receiving the goal  
of your faith, the salvation  
of your souls.*

**1 Peter 1:8-9**

# Keys to Maintaining Hearts of Joy

## Key #2:

**Fix your hope in our “Third Day God”**

...to his  
...therefore had  
...it is finished:  
...also above

*“...In a little while you will see me  
no more, and then after  
a little while you will see me.”*

**John 16:19**

...therefore had  
it is finished:

*...who for the joy set before him  
endured the cross; scorning  
its shame...*

**Hebrews 12:2**

...therefore had  
it is finished:



*And the God of all grace,  
who called you to his eternal glory  
in Christ, after you have suffered  
a little while, will himself restore  
you and make you strong, firm  
and steadfast.*

**1 Peter 5:10**

# Keys to Maintaining Hearts of Joy

## Key #3:

**Use your Heavenly Credit Card**

Therefore had  
it is finished:

*“In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.”*

**John 16:23-24**

*“In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and believed that I came from God.”*

**John 16:26-27**

# Keys to Maintaining Hearts of Joy

## Key #4:

**Remember that your joy is connected  
to a Person, not an event**



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so that in me you may have peace.  
in this world you will have trouble.  
But take heart!  
I have overcome the world.”*

**John 16:33**



**BE  
THE  
ONE**

**November 1-2**

**Be the one to reach across the divide**