

**Problem:**

they would see death  
 they would feel anguish  
 they would know separation  
 they would run

**Text:****You will see death transformed to life**

John 16:16 ¶ “A little while, and you will **see** (physical) me no longer; and again a **little while**, and you will **see** (spiritual) me.”

John 16:17 So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘**A little while**, and you will not **see** (physical) me, and again a **little while**, and you will **see** (spiritual) me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father?’”

John 16:18 So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘**a little while**’? We do not know what he is talking about.”

John 16:19 Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘**A little while** and you will not **see** (physical) me, and again **a little while** and you will **see** (spiritual) me’?”

(16) you will not see me (but you will see me)

3 possibilities - res./2nd coming/H.S.

two words for see -

theoreo- observe, see physically-> Jn 20:14 (saw but did not really see)

horaro - Jn 1:51 - see spiritually - > Jn 3:36

(19) they did not understand - Jn 8:27, 43; 10:6; 12:16; 18:4

in context the Holy Spirit- Jn 16:4-15 - coming Holy Spirit, and second coming

Jn 14:15-20 seem to play upon all three as well- as a totality

death transformed to life through the gospel - 2 Tim 1:8-10

**you will feel anguish transformed to joy**

John 16:20 Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and **lament**, but the world will **rejoice**. You will be **sorrowful**, but your **sorrow** will turn into **joy**.

John 16:21 When a woman is giving **birth**, she has **sorrow** because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the **anguish (tribulation)**, for **joy** that a human being has been born into the world.

John 16:22 So also you have **sorrow** now, but I will **see** (horaro) you again, and your hearts will **rejoice**, and no one will take your **joy** from you.

resurrection in view but also -

(20, 22) (allusion to Isaiah 66:7-14 - change from you will see to I will see - reference both 2nd coming and H.S.)

2nd coming - mk 13:8; Matt 24:9 (anguish = tribulation); Rom 8:18-25 ->

and coming Spirit - Jn 15:11-13; 17:13 - the joy of Christ through the Spirit indwelling illuminating

anguish transformed to joy - rejoice always - 1 thess 5:16-18

**You will know separation transformed to reconciliation**

John 16:23 In that day you will **ask** nothing of me (see questions above). Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you **ask** (different word for ask) **of the Father in my name, he** will give it to you.

John 16:24 Until now you have **asked** nothing **in my name**. **Ask**, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

John 16:25 ¶ “I have said these things to you in **figures of speech**. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in **figures of speech** but will tell you plainly about the Father.

John 16:26 In that day you will **ask** in my name, and I do not say to you that I will **ask** the Father on your behalf;

John 16:27 for **the Father himself** loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.

John 16:28 I **came** from the Father and **have come** into the world, and now I **am leaving** the world and **going** to the Father.”

(23) Ask- more than the Resurrection in view- Acts 1:6 - ask questions

final glory in view - no need to ask - 1 Cor 13:8-12

(27) The Father Himself - Holy Spirit in view - Reconciled to the Father through the Son - Romans 5:10-11;

Ask in prayer - Rom 8:26-27

**You will experience unfaithfulness transformed to faithfulness**

John 16:29 ¶ His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking **plainly** and not using **figurative speech**!

John 16:30 Now **we know** that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why **we believe** that you came from God.”

John 16:31 Jesus answered them, “**Do you now believe?**”

John 16:32 Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be **scattered**, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me.

John 16:33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have **peace**. In the world you will have **tribulation**. But take heart; **I have overcome the world.**"

*(33) peace - no separation->Luke 22:31-32 (when you return) -> Jn 1:5 Jn 14:27; Jn 14:18  
the glue of our salvation is not our faithfulness - it is His  
Romans 8:28-39 (more than conquerors)  
(23) overcome - 1 John 5:4-5*

### **At the Cross - Matt 5:3-6; Col 2:13-15**

#### **Main Idea:**

death is transformed to life  
anguish is transformed to joy  
separation is transformed to reconciliation  
unfaithfulness is transformed to faithfulness  
at the cross

#### **Implication:**

where is it that:

Matt 5:3- poverty is transformed to riches,  
Matt 5:4- crying is transformed to comfort,  
Matt 5:5- humility is transformed to entitlement,  
Matt 5:6- hunger and thirst is transformed to satisfaction,  
at the cross - the cross is the difference

Col 2:13-15

God brings joy through transformation

- the same baby that brought pain is the same baby that brings joy
- the cross is the grossest, lowest moment in the history of the world and yet it is the greatest symbol of victory in all of creation  
without the cross - your pain is just pain, nothing more -
- the same trial that causes you anguish can be the same triumph that magnifies your joy- at the cross
  - there is a purpose to even the blackest night
  - your pain is not a curse it is a very real gift
  - His comfort is not based on better circumstances
  - so do not grieve as if there is no hope
  - you are not forsaken no matter how alone you feel

**Application:** video - forsaken

when you feel you are forsaken  
cling to the cross  
and know that you are cherished

#### **Some articles for further discussion:**

<http://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-overcomer.html>

<http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/jesus-has-overcome-the-world>

<http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/dont-waste-your-cancer>