

"GOOD GRIEF!"

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Introduction: Our fun-loving, "feel good" culture

Happy are the Sad!

What this does not mean

A melancholy personality or disposition

Circumstantial grief

The inevitable response of seeing the truth

How it relates to "poor in spirit"

Seeing the "world" as God sees it

Sin's devastating effects

Rejection of our loving Creator

The destiny of those who reject Him

They will be Comforted

Because the kingdom has come

Jesus will win the victories of sin, Satan, and death

Jesus will one day eradicate all evil

Family Life Groups

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Matthew 5:4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”

1) If “good grief” (mourning) in verse 4 is the inevitable response of seeing the world as God sees it (sin’s devastating effects, rejection of our loving Creator, the destiny of those who reject Him), how are we able to “see” as God sees? What role do we have in gaining God’s “vision”? What role does God have in giving us His “vision”?

2) Does this “good grief” continue throughout our lives on this earth? Why or why not?

3) How does *mourning* correspond to *joy*, which is a fruit of the Spirit and a prominent quality of those who live under the Spirit’s influence?