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John 11:35, “*Jesus wept.*”

I Thessalonians 5:17, “*Rejoice evermore.*”

The two above verses are the shortest verses in the Bible. “Jesus wept” is the shortest in English. “Rejoice evermore” is the shortest verse in the original Greek language. It’s interesting that the two shortest verses cover the opposite ends of human emotion, weeping and rejoicing.

In John 11:35 Jesus was weeping with those surrounding the death of Lazarus. I feel Jesus was not weeping because Lazarus was dead. Jesus knew he would be resurrected in a few moments. We are told in verse 33 that when Jesus saw Mary weeping and He saw the Jews which came with her, He wept. We are often moved to tears ourselves when surrounding those who are weeping such as at a funeral, even if we do not know the deceased.

Regardless of all the reasons why Jesus wept, He did. This showed his humanity and the depth of love He had for them, and has for us

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today. It’s interesting to note that it’s never recorded that Jesus laughed. One would think that during the course of His life He did, but I feel the omission of such shows how our time here is to be one focused on the seriousness of saving our souls and as many about us as possible.

We are told in Proverbs 17:22 that a merry heart does good like medicine. In Ephesians 5:4 one of the things that is not to be named among us is jesting. This certainly doesn’t mean to never have any light heartedness or even laughter, but we should not have a trivial and light hearted approach to the things we do. Our time here is brief and we need to be sober and serious about the LORD’s work.

For the saved weeping is for here and now only. The opposite verse of “Jesus wept” is “rejoice evermore.” Revelation 7:17 and 21:4 tells us that God shall wipe away all tears. There are no tears, weeping and sadness in Heaven.

Jesus did weep, but it was not weeping ever more. We will have sorrow, pain, and suffering in this life. Such is the nature of this world where sin is. Even here in this life, with the sorrow that surrounds us, we can rejoice as we think about the time when there are no more tears. We can not only rejoice, but truly “rejoice evermore.”

Heaven with it’s total joy and peace and no tears is made possible because of Jesus. Isaiah 53:3 in prophesying of Jesus tells us, He is a man of sorrows. The next verse tells us He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. No wonder we are never told of Jesus laughing. He bore the sorrows of all so we might have hope of Heaven and “rejoice evermore.”

—Marty Edwards❖



—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Brad Terry, James Wooten, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Shirley Parson.**

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Revelation 21:8 *But the fearful , and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*

The above verse has a list of sinful people who will not go to Heaven, but instead will be eternally lost and have their part in the lake of fire. It's a frightening and sobering verse.

Certainly we are not surprised as we look at this list of sins, but it's interesting to note that the first type of lost person mentioned is "the fearful." We might not normally think of being fearful as causing us to be eternally lost, yet it's first in the list.

There is a good type of fear that we need. Foremost is the fear of God. That is the reverence and respect of Him. Jesus said in Matthew 10:28, "*And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.*" Obviously this fear which Jesus commanded to have is not the type of fear that will cause one to lose their eternal soul.

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Sunday, July 3, 2016		
Classes	12	Galatians 5:23-26
Preaching	16	James 4:13-16
Contribution	\$628.00	
Evening	12	Singing (Psalm 146)
Wednesday, July 6, 2016		
Classes	8	Ezra 4:1-24

Visitors— Jul 3 (PM) Mike Parker (Magnolia,KY)

Bible Quiz

What work ceased until the second year of the reign of Darius, king of Persia?

Last Week's Answer— To the right hand nor to the left (Proverbs 4:27)

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The fear that will cause us to be lost is the fear that keeps us from obeying the LORD. Perhaps it's being fearful of what our family or friends might say if we obey the LORD. It might be fear of doing what we know is right, but society and popular thought will greatly frown upon us, so we don't do the right. This fear will cause one to be eternally lost. It's first on the list of the lost in Revelation 21:8.

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—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)