

**John 257 “Checked Your Spiritual Bank Balance Lately?” John 16:11-22**

**The First Advocate-Comforter, Our Defense Atty, the Lord Jesus Christ provides revelation to prepare the Eleven for the ensuing battle by disclosing what otherwise, certainly would have been unexpected.**

**WEEK TWO 19 Jan 2025: Sometime this week, ask someone you know to be a non-Christian to read over your completed assignment from last week.**

**After he/she has read it in your presence, ask what they understand it to say and to tell you in their own words.**

**This will help you to see if you are clearly communicating and also give you the opportunity to share the Gospel personally without the discomfort that many fear in a ‘cold call’ situation.**

**Make written notes after your encounter as to how it went.**

**We live ‘in Christ’ and also in the world; we have peace ‘in Christ’ and constant hatred from the world and our secret is that ‘in Him’ we overcome the world, so we can be of good cheer, no matter what the circumstances may be.**

**If we can believe God in relation to anything He says, we can believe Him concerning EVERYTHING He says!**

**Joy for the believer in Jesus Christ does not wait exclusively until he gets to Heaven.**

**Note that God does not remove the pain from the mother in labor, He transforms it!**

**And God will bring lasting joy into our lives;**

**not by removal of suffering or even substitution but by transformation and therefore, a major player in the joy we experience is the pain that precedes it.**

**Our joy is totally dependent on only what God has actually promised to us.**

**Sadly, most believers are captivated by the thought of a better life through God’s blessings rather than a better hope through God’s presence in their lives!**

**The ultimate symbol of shame and defeat, the Cross of Christ became the ultimate symbol of victory and glory!**