



«BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN, FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED»

From the Gospel of Matthew 5:4



Is there anyone who hasn't cried at some point in their life?

**Jesus cried too!**

(see Jn 11:35 & Lk 19:41)

He saw the tears of his people. Many were sick or poor or widows or orphans or people rejected by others and left on the sidelines. They all came to him to hear his words that healed them in body and in soul.

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Here is what Chiara Lubich says about this Word of Life from the Gospel:

«With these words, Jesus does not tell the person who is sad to accept their pain and hope for a reward in the future. He also wants them to be happy in the present.

In fact, his kingdom is already here on earth, even though it's different from how it will be in heaven.

The kingdom is present in Jesus who overcame death by rising from the dead, after having suffered terribly.

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«He is present in us and in the heart of every Christian. GOD IS IN US. THE TRINITY – FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT – HAVE MADE THEIR HOME IN US.

Therefore, we can experience, here and now, the beatitude that Jesus said we would have.

We might still suffer but we will have new strength that helps us overcome the trials of life. We can help others to carry their burdens and overcome their sufferings. We can see things as Jesus saw them, welcoming suffering as the way to redeem the world».

C. Lubich Word of Life, November 1981

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**CHIARA LUCE BADANO**

She was a girl like everyone else. but by living for God alone, for the goal of a United World, she achieved the happiness that never ends. She was 18 years old but was totally fulfilled as a person. She was happy, really full of joy, and the Church has declared her «blessed» - a good title for her because it means «happy»! But what did she do in her life that was so special? How did she reach this goal?

When she was 14 years old, she wrote: "I rediscovered the Gospel in a new light. I understood that I wasn't an authentic Christian because I was not living it with my whole heart. Now I want to make this magnificent book the only reason for my life. I don't want to be illiterate – I cannot be illiterate about such an extraordinary message. Just as I can easily learn the alphabet, I should also be able to learn to live the Gospel."

