



# The Great Christmas Exchange





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Beauty for Ashes





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The oil of gladness for mourning

## Isaiah 61:3

and provide for those who grieve in Zion — to bestow on them a crown of beauty **instead** of ashes, the oil of gladness **instead** of mourning, and a garment of praise **instead** of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor. NIV





# Mourning



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## Matthew 5:4

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

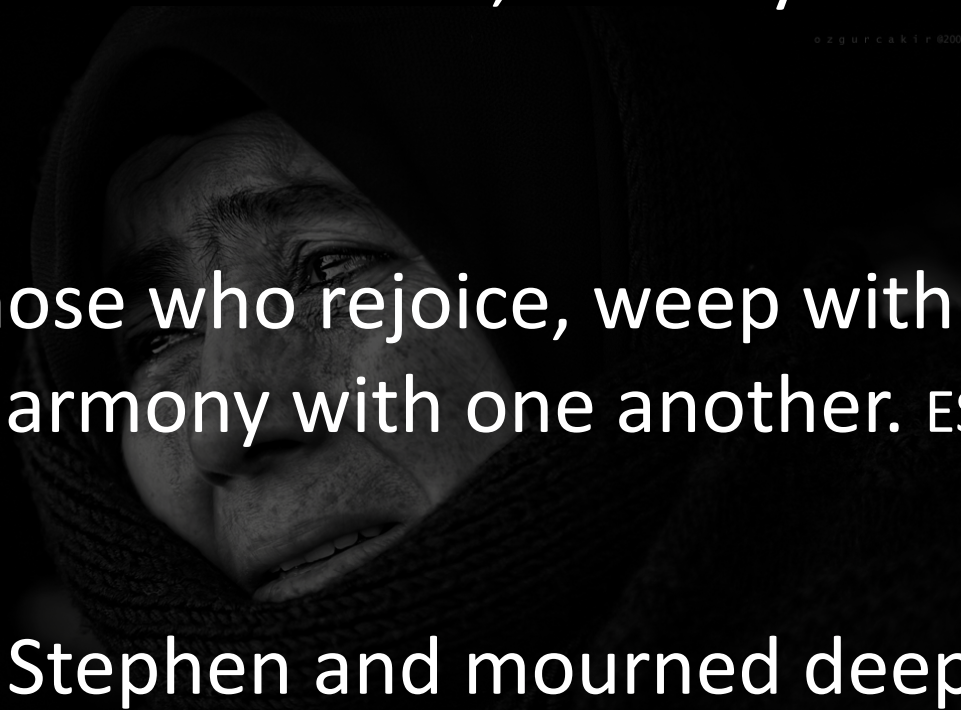
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## Romans 12:15-16

15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another. ESV

## Acts 8:2-3

Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. NIV





# The Oil of Gladness





## Psalm 45:6-7

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;  
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.  
You love righteousness and hate wickedness;  
therefore God, your God, has set you above your  
companions by anointing you with **the oil of joy**. NIV



## Psalm 30: 2,5,11-12

2 O Lord my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.

5 For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

11 You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, 12 that my heart may sing to you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever. NIV





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# Communion

