

Sorrow for Joy

There are things of the past, that go deep down inside,
Things that so often, it seemed best to hide

They're things we're not proud of, we'd like to forget,
They cause us deep sorrow, and lots of regret.

But these are not all, that we're made of within,
Tho they cover the God-part, with all of their din.

Now God knows your heart, He knows what you're made of,
And He likes what He sees, as He shows you His love.

The life that God gives, is all that we need.
We must want it and seek it, and all His Word heed.

We must call on His Name, and lean on His arm,
'Cause Satan's right there, to do us great harm.

But God is the Great One, full of all might,
And He's sure to give us, all that's our right,
When we're trusting in Jesus, Who in battle has won,
And has triumphed over Satan, as Heaven's faithful Son.

He won the victory, in history's greatest strife,
And now He can give us, all that is life.

So if you have tears, let them freely flow,
But as the tears run, let the sorrows go.

Let Jesus come, Who shed many tears,
He's been right beside you, all of these years.

He knows every wound, and all of your grief,
And the reason He came, was to give you release.

He came, my dear friend, to give you HIS life,
And to make you strong, and free you from strife.

He fought the great battle, in that awful hour,
And is ready to help you, with all of His power.

He's ready to give you, all of His grace,
As you lift your eyes up, and look in His face.

He was a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief,
And He's helping you now, to "turn a new leaf."

And tho you have now, the spirit of sorrow,
The Spirit of Joy, will be here tomorrow!

Born in 1940, Ken Stoltzfus has worked as a pilot, ordained Christian minister, businessman, missionary to Africa and writer. This is #8 in the section, "Poetry and Piety", at www.John2031.com, and is one of many short writings that can be found there.

Aug. 10, 1985. © 2010, Ken Stoltzfus, John2031.com, P.O. Box 228, Kidron, OH 44636 USA. May be printed for personal use and may be reproduced for non-commercial purposes without further permission if proper acknowledgment is given.