

THEY TURNED THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN

This is quite a statement referring to any group of people in history or today -- but there was good reason for this, pertaining to the early Church members.

Let's look into the background of the statement -- The Apostle Paul and his fellow disciples were on a journey, *"And, as his manner was, went into the local Synagogue and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them out of the Scriptures, opening and alleging that Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead and that this Jesus, whom I preach to you, is the Christ. And some of them Believed, and agreed with Paul and Silas -- and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few."* (Acts 17:2-4).

So we see that Paul's journey was already bearing fruit among those that heard him -- *"But the Jews which Believed not, moved with envy, took some of the evil men from the marketplace, and gathered a mob, set the city in an uproar . . . and sought to bring them out to the people . . . crying, THESE ARE THEY WHO HAVE TURNED THE WORLD UP-SIDE-DOWN"* (Acts 17:5-6).

To turn the world up-side-down was to bring in Factual Truth which was not popular with the status quo of the period. Even today there is much opposition to proclaiming the Truth of God's Word and many are seemingly offended by it. Nevertheless the Truth must prevail at all cost.

Why, may we ask, is it so very hard today to accept the Bible as the infallible Word of God? Why is there so much opposition to it? Why is it so very hard to Accept and Believe it? We can only think of one word - - SIN -- in the world and in the hearts of man.

We might continue to ask the questions -- Why is the Word of God banned from our Public Schools and Public Buildings -- WHAT IS THERE ABOUT GOD AND HIS WORD THAT IRRITATES SO MANY PEOPLE TODAY? The only word we can think of is -- IGNORANCE! -- and -- *"Men love darkness rather than light -- because their deeds are evil"* (John 3:19).

The Bible has stood like solid rock for thousands of years -- it has been proven over and over again as the only basis for law and order in society -- and -- righteousness and clean living in the lives of men.

Whenever something new hits the media, it is insinuated that it is so special that it has turned the world up-side-down -- and yet most are fads that appear on the scene for a short while and then fade into obscurity.

Whereas, the message of Paul and the disciples -- and Believers today -- is the ageless Good News of Salvation full and free -- sins forgiven and redemption from sin.

May we ask a very personal question? -- IF YOU claim to be a Christian, exactly what are YOU involved in today that is turning YOUR world up-side-down? What are YOU doing to point others to the Savior and helping them to find the way of Truth? Are YOU involved in spreading the Good News? Will it be recorded in the future that YOU were a part of the world changing movement of introducing others to Jesus Christ?

We're not talking about inviting others to a specific Church or Denomination -- it is a personal matter of receiving forgiveness for sins and a New Life in Christ.

Let's get busy in spreading the Truth and making Christ known wherever we go -- and do our part in changing our world -- by changing the hearts of our fellow man!

LET'S DO OUR PART -- LET'S TURN OUR WORLD UP-SIDE-DOWN!

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