

Turning the World Right Side Up

Mark Balmer

11/29/2020

- Paul teaches that ONLY Jesus can turn our world right side up
- **Kingdom # 1-** Satan is the ruler
- He will do these things in a person's life - steal, kill and destroy
- **Kingdom # 2** – God is the ruler
- God will give every Christ Follower (CF) a fulfilling life in every aspect

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.

- Each kingdom has a different eternal destination at death.
- For CFs Heaven with God, for unbelievers Hell separated from God.
- 1. Different way to think (God's mind not man's mind)
- Satan's wrong thinking: right is wrong and wrong is right.
- 2. Different way to live (CF not self-follower (SF))
- 3. Different value system (God's values not the world's values)
- **Problem:** Everyone is BORN into the kingdom of Satan
- **Solution:** *Mark 1:15* "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Acts 17:1-2 When they had passed through Am'phip'olis and Ap'ollo'nia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. **2** As his custom was, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures,

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe **(1) that He exists and (2) that He rewards those who earnestly seek him.**

- Paul wanted the truth of the Bible to be **their spiritual foundation**

Acts 17:3 (NLT) He explained the prophecies and proved that the Messiah must suffer and rise from the dead. He said, "This Jesus I'm telling you about is the Messiah."

Acts 22:6-8 (NLT) "As I was on the road, approaching Damascus about noon, a very bright light from heaven suddenly shone down around me. **7** I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' **8** "Who are you, lord?" I asked. "And the voice replied, 'I am Jesus the Nazarene,[a] the one you are persecuting.'

- The greatest way to spread the good news is through **our own personal testimony**. Telling people HOW God changed our life!

Acts 17:3 explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ," he said.

- It's important to know that **the BIBLE gives us proof** that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior of the World
- CF, don't live by speculation but by **REVELATION (Biblical truth)**

Isaiah 53:4-5 (NLT) Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows[a] that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins! 5 But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.

Psalm 22:16-18 (Summary) (NLT) My enemies surround me like a pack of dogs; an evil gang closes in on me. They have pierced my hands and feet.... My enemies divide my garments among themselves... The Messiah had to suffer because He came to pay the penalty for our sins. He came to offer Himself as a sacrifice, taking our place in judgment

Psalm 16:9-10 (NLT) No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice.[a] My body rests in safety. 10 For you will not leave my soul among the dead[b] or allow your holy one[c] to rot in the grave

- **Psalm 16:** Jesus will die but his body will NOT decay in the grave (**he will be resurrected**)

Acts 17:4 (NLT) Some of the Jews who listened were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, along with many God-fearing Greek men and quite a few prominent women

*Acts 17:5-6 But the Jews **were jealous**; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason's house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd. 6 But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other brothers before the city officials, shouting: "These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here,*

*Acts 17:6 (NKJV)..... "These who have turned the **world upside down** have come here too.*

- Actually, they turned the world **RIGHT SIDE UP**
- The gospel was having a radical impact in the lives of many individuals and the community

*Acts 17:7 (NLT) And Jason has welcomed them into his home. They are all **guilty of treason against Caesar**, for they profess allegiance **to another king, named Jesus.**"*

Acts 17:8-9 When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil. 9 Then they made Jason and the others post bond and let them go.

*Acts 17:10 (NLT) That very night the believers sent **Paul and Silas to Berea**. When they arrived there, they went to the Jewish synagogue.*

- Here are 3 of God's ways to turn our world **RIGHT SIDE UP**

- 1. We submit our daily lives to Jesus and HIS kingdom ([Matt 6:33](#))

[Matthew 6:33](#) But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

- 2. We continue to proclaim the gospel with boldness, love, and power

[Acts 1:8](#) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

- 3. We know that every person matters to GOD and every person is valuable to God

[Romans 5:8](#) ... God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

[2 Corinthians 5:17 \(NLT\)](#) This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

- Text **YES** to 321.574.6970, if you have chosen to accept Jesus as you Lord and Savior.

All Bible references are from the New International Version (NIV) unless otherwise noted. NLT = New Living Translation.