

Life

In the Upside-Down World

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It is strange when the world gets upside-down; religion seems to get upside-down, too. Today the world's problems seem to have invaded religion also. You would think that religion would be a stronghold in hard times. Banks, insurance companies, educational institutions, and most businesses people depend upon for finances need a strong faith to carry on. This idea of faith to carry on is a bit far-fetched these days because much of religion has become like these institutions where money is the biggest center of attention. I certainly believe religion needs money, but in times of trouble and lack of money to carry on God's work, I pause to wonder who is religion's provider.

Too many depended upon these failing institutions for provision, even though God should be the provider of the people who serve Him. He has been left out of many religious programs. America has, from its beginning, boasted "in God we trust." But unbelievers worked to get anything related to God and His Son, Jesus, out of anything related to money or government. It even went further than this. Government worked to get God out of people's lives by doing everything it could, stopping Christian prayer in schools and colleges while allowing Muslims to have their prayer time as they wished.

When you stop trusting God, you are left relying human institutions for provision. If God has anything to do with America's current dilemma, one thing is for sure: the world and its provisions are limited and will ultimately fail. But there is an answer. God is the Father of forgiveness. When you trust Him, things in your life and in this world will be overcome. When you know Christ as your Savior, you have someone you can trust, and He lives in you. Our dependency must never be in human organizations. Greater is Christ within you than he that is in the world, and that means anyone in the world. Your upside-down world will turn over, right side up, when you allow Christ to be your life. It is not religion that you need. It is Christ, just Christ.

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