

Life

In the Upside-Down World

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Often, I am asked, "Is the world upside-down because ungodly people run it?" I say, "No, that is not the reason the world is bad." The world is bad because the world is filled with ignorant people who have rejected Jesus Christ. A little song I sang as a child is, "What the world needs is Jesus, Just a glimpse of Him, He will take away sin and sadness, and bring about joy and gladness." It is a fact that every time humans involve themselves as workers to change the world, they most often fail and make the world worse.

Christ alone can change the world. He alone must work out through humans who have given themselves over to Christ as their life. What every human needs is the Christ-life. Of course, such an idea is not plausible now, but the Holy Spirit is working on it. Jesus is the answer, the only answer to the needs of the present world. Yet, you would be surprised how many people, even saints, do not know this wonderful Savior that lives in them. Take a look at the truth concerning this unbelievable person that lives in every born-again believer.

Jesus Christ is the only human being that was ever prophesied, hundreds of years before, in detail, as to what His life would be. Not one other human being ever had that to happen. Forty-four hundred years before Christ hung on the cross, a prophecy was stated that He would bruise the head of the Devil and that a woman would bring forth a son who would weaken the Devil at the Cross. One thousand years before He was born, David wrote in Psalm 22, a detailed account of what would happen on the cross. Seven hundred years before He was born, Isaiah gave the theology of salvation: *"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed"* (Isaiah 53:5).

His record is so ominous, so vivid, so well-written in history that you would be a fool to run around trying to defend whether He came or didn't come, died or didn't die, or even whether He was resurrected. The heavenly Father loved us so much that He let us know Jesus was coming. We knew just when He would come, and how He would come. The Lord loved us so much that He told us He would be born of a virgin, that He would be born in Bethlehem, and that He would live in Nazareth. Hundreds of years before it happened, that was all stated. This can't be said of any other human. The nearest thing to it would be John the Baptist. After God

told Elizabeth and Zachariah they were going to have a child and foretold some things the child would do, there has never been a human that had history and prophecy backing up every detail of their life.

Prophecy told us what Jesus would teach and preach. *“The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,”* Isaiah said, *“because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound”* (Isaiah 61:1).

The very doctrine of His message was written hundreds of years before He came and brought that message. The Scriptures foretold not just of His coming and death, but also of what His future would be. We can depend upon that. Of course, if you don't believe the Bible, much of this doesn't mean anything to you, and most people who are trying to prove God loves you and God is who He says He is—and Jesus is who He says He is—don't trust the Bible. You don't have to trust the Bible. They have the old Dead Sea Scrolls being brought up now, which testify that all these things have taken place just as the Scriptures said they would. We have Josephus who lived during the days of Christ who said all these things have taken place just as the Scriptures said they would.

Christ is seated at the right hand of God. That not only means a place, but it means authority. He was given and assumed the authority that is His. The writers who are included in our Bible were included for one strategic point: the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The other books and epistles which are not included were weak on the resurrection or did not have the resurrection in them, and that is why they were rejected by those who decided on the canon of Scriptures.

All of the world would be operating as God planned, but instead, it remains upside-down because most people in this world have rejected Christ as their Savior.

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