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**“UPSIDE-DOWN CHRISTIANS”**

God says our sin-sick world is upside-down

 Isaiah 26:19 / 5:20

His church is meant to turn the world upside-down

 Acts 17:6

Which really restores the world to “rightside-up”!

But what if God’s own children are living up-side down? Some signs of an upside-down Christian:

**1. Living Beneath Your Blessings**

**Romans 5:1-5** Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord

Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and

rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only *that,* but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope

does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit

who was given to us. NKJV

 Justification, peace, standing grace, access to God’s presence, future hope of glory, strength in

 trail, joy, living above disappointment, God’s supernatural love

**2. Wanting “Serve Us” instead of Service**

**Mark 10:42-46** But Jesus called them to *Himself* and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over

them.  43 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall

be your servant.  44 And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.  45 For even the

Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

46 Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. NKJV

The highest lifestyle is loving, serving, giving

**3. Sharing ‘Come and Hear’ without personal ‘Go and Tell’**

 **Mark 16: 15-16** And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. NKJV

When was the last conversation you had with someone who needs Christ?

When was the last conversion to Jesus you were personally involved in?

Do you want God to use you to make an eternal impact?

**4. Loving Those “Like Us” without Loving All the Rest**

**Matthew 5:44-47** But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those

who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 that you may be sons

of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the

just and on the unjust.  46 For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the

tax collectors do the same?  47 And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more *than others?*

Do not even the tax collectors do so? NKJV

Loving people “just like us” is something even the lost world can do

Loving those different than us, even enemies and oppressors, is something only God can do in us!