

Turning Things Upside Down



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There are many gifts talked about in the Bible, the gift of preaching, teaching, etc., but there are other gifts not listed in the Bible: the gifts of fashion and hair styling. I got neither of those; I was standing in the cow-lick line.

My hair is fine but not the F-I-N-E good kind. Add to that a non-understanding of how to curl, poof and style. So every day, there's a kerfuffle in our bathroom.

Each morning I wash and dry my hair, following it up with a curling iron. I fluff and puff it to a semi-desired style and then spray with hairspray. I say, "HELMET OF SALVATION!" loudly when my beloved is around, before he fake coughs. When I say "semi-desired", it's because it is nowhere near perfect, only set. If I will leave it alone, allowing the spray to dry for a few seconds, it will be alright. But the thing is, I NEVER just leave it alone. Then I have to re-fluff my hair with the dryer, poof it and then re-spray. This goes on until I run out of time.

By then, my hair has the texture of a Brillo pad.

The other day, I had had enough. I kept thinking "When you keep doing the same thing, you will get the same thing," and "Nothing changes if nothing changes." Clearly, that means if I fix my hair the same way every time, I'm going to get the same look. I HAD to do something different! And so, I did the craziest thing: I turned my head UPSIDE DOWN and sprayed the hairspray. Definitely a different outcome!

Forget me turning my head upside down, did you know that two guys in the New Testament were accused of turning the WORLD upside down?!

First, in Acts 16, Paul and Silas were seized, dragged, stripped, beaten and thrown into the inner part of the jail with their feet in stocks for

spreading the gospel. Unthwarted and unbroken, the two men took their message to a different crowd. They were found praying and singing at midnight and the other prisoners were listening to them.

A few verses and 100 miles later, Paul and his companions went to Thessalonica where he preached in the synagogue for three days and a great number trusted in Jesus! But . . . some of the Jews became jealous and rounded up some scoundrels and started a riot in the city. When they couldn't find Paul and Silas, they dragged their friend Jason and some of the brothers to the officials saying, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here now, too!" They were accused of "turning the world upside down"!

Several years ago, Dan Garland, one of my favorite

preachers and former Evangelism Director for the KY Baptist Convention, was preaching on this story of Paul, Silas and their friend, Jason, in Acts 17. He boldly challenged, "Are YOU turning the world upside down or are you just a Baptist?!" Whoa! I noted it in the margin of my Bible to remember FOREVER!

I have to ask myself-again: Am I turning the world upside down? Am I being salt and light in a dark world? Or am I just a church member? Do I care about the lost at all? Am I comfortable with the fact that there are over 3,000,000 Kentuckians who do not attend church on Sundays?

My hope is not for us to be dragged, beaten or thrown into jail for our beliefs, but let's make an effort to do SOMETHING! Let's turn the world upside down with this Jesus we say we know!

Church News

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Sunday, October 13th at 10:30am

Epperson Old Fashion Day

Epperson First Church of God, located on Kentucky 89, Irvine Road, in Clark County, will be having an Old Fashion Day on Sunday, October 13, 2019, starting at 10:30 a.m. There will be great singing by Ryan and Heidi from Somerset. Lunch follows the service. Bring nothing but yourself.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

1 JOHN 2: 1,2



"Christ Preaching" by Rembrandt (1646-1650)

Seeds of Hope



The day began with sunshine, blue skies and gentle breezes. The deep blue waters were calm and peaceful. A lovely new sailing vessel rocked slowly from side to side as the passengers walked around the deck. Each one had been personally met by the captain who greeted them with a smile, a handshake and the words, "Welcome aboard!" They felt confident with him as their commander.

Soon after the ship set sail a storm appeared on the horizon. Angry waves soon swept over the sides of the ship and the passengers were forced to go below where they were safe from the winds and waters. In fact, the captain was tied to the bridge so he would not be swept

overboard. The ship was no longer a place of serenity but of fear and worry.

Finally, one of the passengers, overcoming his fear and anxiety, decided that he would climb from beneath the deck to see if the captain was still alive. He crawled up the stairs, opened the hatch and saw a sight that steadied his nerves and calmed his racing heart. Returning to the frightened passengers he shouted, "Everything's fine. I saw the face of the Captain, looked into his eyes and realized we were safe with him at the helm."

"In the morning," prayed the Psalmist, "my prayer comes before you." What a wise way to begin every day. If we go to the Lord before we are in a storm we can depend on His presence when we are engulfed by a storm. With His arms around us and His strength to sustain us, we will surely be able to face life's storms with confidence.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

MARK 10:43-45

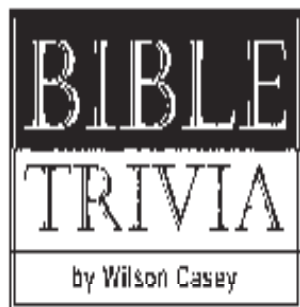
Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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1. Is the book of Lamentations in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Protestant tradition holds that there are how many different women named "Mary" in the New Testament? 2, 4, 6, 8
3. Who said, "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church"? Jesus, Aaron, Reuben, Joseph

4. Which mount was a contest scene between Elijah and the prophets of Baal? Calvary, Sinai, Bethel, Carmel

5. Who was the first-born son of Jacob? Aaron, Joseph, Reuben, Simeon

6. Which city is often referred to as Zion? Bethlehem, Jericho, Jerusalem, Nazareth

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Jesus is Coming Soon?

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Just a few years ago, Bill and Gloria Gather co-wrote a song entitled, "Jesus is coming soon." It was well received and is still frequently sung, even now. Within the verses is written, "Troublesome times are here, filling men's hearts with fear. Freedom we all hold dear now is at stake; Humbling your hearts to God saves from the chastening rod; Seek the way pilgrims trod, Christians awake."

Then the chorus goes something like this, "Jesus is coming soon, morning or night or noon; Many will meet their doom, trumpets will sound. All of the dead shall rise, righteous meet in the skies, Going where no one dies, heavenward bound." This is not all of the song, but the gist is revealed so that all who may sing it will get the true message.

In John 14:1-6 is revealed from our Lord himself that he would come again to receive those prepared. There are over a hundred references given in the New Testament to the fact of the Lord's return; yet, so many seem to put it into the back of their mind as though it would not happen. This will not hide the reality of his coming.

In John 10:15-18, our Lord takes the fact that he would lay down his life for his sheep but also states the fact that he takes again. He states that his father gave him this authority, and so he did. So, after he arose, he also went back to the father, but he has stated with authority that he shall return to the salvation of the righteous and the condemnation of the wicked. Matthew 25:38-46 tells us of this day. Then in Matthew 16:27-28, it says that Jesus will come in the glory of his father with his Holy Angels with him. He also says he will reward each one according to his works.

Then again, in **Luke 12:35-48**, he illustrates the story of the ruler and his servants, to be watchful. Then, he states in **verse 40**, "Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not." There should be no doubt within the minds of Christians who read their Bible and also observe the rapid changes within America and abroad, that something cataclysmic is going to happen, perhaps soon, because the world is now being armed to the tooth, and one day, someone will use them.

However, it is my personal observance that most among our society do not believe that the world will ever explode as it did in the 1940's, or that the coming of Jesus will occur as he says it will. Why, may you ask? Because not many are coming together on the Lord's day to prepare themselves for these days of uncertainty. Our Lord asked in **Luke 18:8**, "when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"

Yes, he will, because it is the faithful few that keep this world going and also hinders his return. But, the numbers are dwindling very fast. Our Lord knew that this would happen so he had Paul to write about it in 1 Thessalonians 5:1-5, that in the days of peace and safety, sudden destruction cometh. But first, he added, "that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night." (verse 2) Then he wrote in **2 Thessalonians 2:3-12**, saying, "for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed."

So, today, men are worshipping and feeding upon the sinful things of this world, forgetting God, hardly to ever go to church anywhere, completely overcome and seduced by the devil himself. Paul said it very clearly in **2 Corinthians 4:4**, "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." Are you one of these people? There is still hope for you if you will turn back into repentance, lest you perish with the unsaved world. Obey Jesus today.

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"A baby is God's opinion that life should go on."
— Carl Sandberg