A World Turned Upside Down How? By Grace.

Sermon

- 2 Corinthians 4
- Matthew 5

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1) Christ and His grace are <u>external facts</u>, <u>separate from us</u>.

²² For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,
²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness... (*Romans 3*)

2) Christ comes for the <u>weak</u>, not the <u>strong</u>.

¹⁷ "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." (Mark 2)

¹⁵ Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

(1 Timothy 1)

⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. (*Isaiah 64*)

3) Christ and His grace are *internal facts*, *both for us and delivered through us*.

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸ We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰ always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. (2 Corinthians 4)

<u>Dying to self</u> and <u>living toward God and others</u> is the paradigm for following Christ.

¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. (John 15)