# A World Turned Upside Down How? By Grace.

### Sermon

- 2 Corinthians 4
- Matthew 5

## Sermon Series: Vanishing Grace

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

<sup>22</sup> For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
<sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,
<sup>25</sup> 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>.

<sup>17</sup> "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)

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

(1 Timothy 1)

<sup>6</sup>We 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*.

<sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. <sup>8</sup> We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup> persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup> 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.

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