

Week 07
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Transforming Daily
“ . . . these who have turned the world upside down . . . ”
Acts 17:6

This passage of Scripture is one of those passages that needs little elaboration or explanation if any at all. It is inspirational just as it is read. The context in which these words are found is both encouraging and convicting. I can remember how I felt the first time I heard this passage preached. I can't tell you what the sermon outline was, or even who it was that preached it, but I remember then as now the goose pimples that rose when I heard it.

These words describe the effect of the early believers on those who heard them preach. This verse reflects the words of those who didn't believe, not the ones who did. In fact, they not only believed that the early church was turning the world upside down, they were extremely fearful of it.

As a student in a Bible college in Texas, I heard tell of stories about the great awakenings and revivals that swept many parts of the world, including this country. One interesting testimony from townfolk of one of the great awakenings said that all business came to a screeching halt because the animals used for manual labor wouldn't move. It seems that before the revival all of the animals were trained to operate according to foul and vulgar language, and after the men who trained them got saved they didn't use vulgar language any longer so they couldn't get the animals to move.

Can you imagine what that must have been like? Can you imagine what it could be like? What would happen if everyone lived the life of righteousness that God has called us to? It would be said of us as it was said of them that the changes in the local communities would definitely be attributed to these who have turned the world upside down.