

Paul and Silas in Thessalonica

Acts 17:5-9

How Has Your World Been Turned Upside Down?

Becoming a Christian is to be life-changing, how has your life been made different by your faith?

My faith has caused me to be a _____

My faith has caused me to forsake these bad habits.:

My faith has protected me from these destructive behaviors: _____

My faith has given me a new purpose in life so that I serve God in ministry. _____

How Have You Turned Your World Upside Down?

Paul and Silas brought the message of Jesus as the Messiah to Thessalonica and it turned the world upside down. Jason, is an unknown character in the story. All we know is that he allowed Paul and Silas to live in his home. This suggests that he is a believer. He also suffered because of his association with Paul and Silas. No doubt his world was upside down.

List the people who have become believers because of you.

List the people who you have served since coming to Christ.

List the people you have led in discipleship as a teacher or role model since coming to Christ.

How Should We Respond to the Accusations Against Us?

Paul and Silas were accused of turning the Roman world of Thessalonica upside down. Their immediate response is to hide and leave the city. But don't take that action as something to emulate. They merely traveled to the next city and started the process all over again. The question remains: How should I respond to persecution. Check the correct response to the questions below, or add your response.

If a co-worker complains about your witness You should :

Answer in a loving tone and be quiet until God gives you another opportunity

Tell them that they are going to hell because they refuse to listen to the truth.

Claim that you are persecuted for your faith and continue to talk

If a friend complains that all you do is talk about Jesus and go to church:

Tell them it is none of their business and tell them to get lost.

Agree with them and tell them that you are not going to mention Jesus around them if it offends them.

Tell them why Jesus is so important to you and how serving God has made a difference in your life.

If the government demands that the church not preach or teach the Bible:

Continue to preach because God has called us to such preaching and face the consequences of our actions

Protest because we have a constitutional right to teach the Bible

Be quiet and keep our religion to ourselves, live in peace.