

## **God's Upside Down World**

### **Matthew 5:4**

*"Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted." -Matthew 5:4*

*"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion -- to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning." -Isaiah 61:1-3*

### **1. We Are Comforted By God's Presence with Us In Our Grief**

*"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." -- Psalm 23:4 (KJV)*

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God." -- 2 Corinthians 1:3-4*

### **2. We Are Comforted by Jesus' Personal Experience of Our Grief**

*"He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." -- Isaiah 53:3*

*"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. " -- 2 Corinthians 5:21*

### **3. We Are Comforted by God's Promise of Eternal Restoration**

*"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." --Revelation 21:4*