

## “THE NEEDED REVOLUTION”

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Much is being said in our times about revolution. Did you know that Christianity is a revolutionary movement? That's right! And a revolutionary movement that our world needs desperately. Webster defines “revolutionary” as the rotation of a body (such as the earth revolving about the sun), a political overthrow (such as the American Revolution), and a total or radical change (such as the Industrial Revolution which began in England in the 18<sup>th</sup> century). Christianity fits into the third of these definitions: “*a total and radical change.*” So radical is the change that takes place in the life of the man who becomes a Christian that the prophet Daniel speaks of it as a stone cut out of a mountain (the man in the kingdom has been cut out of the mountain of humanity and set apart for God - Daniel 2:34,44). Jesus says it is a birth (John 3:3,5); Paul suggests it is a translation (Colossians 1:15); Paul also says it is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17 RSV). Christianity is a revolutionary movement.

In Philippians 2:5 the apostle challenges men who have experience the radical change of New Testament conversion to “let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.” The Christian is to make a real effort to think, speak, and act like Jesus. This Christian is different -- not for the sake of being different but for Jesus' sake. This fact helps us to appreciate Christ's statement in the Sermon on the Mount: “Ye are the salt of the earth ... ye are the light of the world” (Matthew 5:13,14). Salt and light have a least one thing in common -- penetration. Salt penetrates the meat to preserve or save. Light penetrates the

darkness to dispel it. The Christian as a personal representative of Jesus is as salt to save the world and as light to dispel the darkness of sin, ignorance, and spiritual death. To be successful as Jesus' representative we must be real. We must be true to our commitment to the Christ. My words and my actions must demonstrate a real relationship with my Lord. When I give myself to Him without reserve, when I allow Him to live through me (Galatians 2:20), then and only then, will He use me to be a blessing to the world. I am not speaking of perfection but of an attitude of genuine dedication to Jesus. The best advertisement of truth to a lost world is the Christian who sincerely portrays the Christ. When this happens in your life and mine, we will be making a real contribution to the needed revolution.