

# The Upside Down Kingdom: Available to ALL

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## Acts 1:3

After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

## 1. GOD'S KINGDOM ON EARTH SHOULD LOOK JUST LIKE HEAVEN

Matthew 6:9-10

9 "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

## 2. GOD'S KINGDOM BELONGS TO THOSE COMPLETELY DEPENDENT UPON GOD

Matthew 5:3

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

## 3. GOD'S KINGDOM REQUIRES LOVE IN ACTION

Luke 5:12-13

12 While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." 13 Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" And immediately the leprosy left him.

Matthew 22:37-40

37 Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

1 John 3:17

If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?