

Acts 17v6.

But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, "These who have ***turned the world upside down*** have come here too.

Through the power of a transformed life Paul and Barnabas were creating havoc, for a transformed life, is a life that lives above the cares and restraints of this natural life. And displays the **POWER OF A CHANGED** life in Christ Jesus –

People saw something in Paul and Barnabas - a fire an unnatural fire of conviction and purpose - that attracted or repelled....

PAUL LIVED A LIFE THAT IS MOVED BY THE  
CONVICTION AND PURPOSE FOR THAT WHICH HE WAS  
APPREHENDED FOR!

Phil 3v12(KJV) Not as though I had already attained,  
either were already perfect: but I follow after, (NKJV=  
BUT I PRESS ON) if I may apprehend that (ARREST; LAY  
HOLD OF; SIEZE) that for which also I am apprehended  
of Christ Jesus.

Paul had a conviction that God had APPREHENDED (HE WAS ARRESTED - LAID HOLD OF, SEIZED ) - God plucked him out from the kingdom of darkness and translated him into the kingdom of His Light for a purpose.

And that God had a vested interest in Him, He had deposited His Holy Spirit in him for a REASON..... And what motivated Paul more than anything else was the “Grace” God showed to him while yet a sinner, Paul who declares he is the chief of sinners (1Tim1v15) that God would lay hold of or APPREHEND a man such as himself. - this Grace undone Paul.... He became POOR IN SPIRIT.

From a Pharisee of the Pharisees from the strictest of sects a Hebrew of the Hebrews studying at the feet of Gamaliel he counted it as nothing, rubbish, dung that he might Gain Christ

**Mat 5:3** *"Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

**Isa 66:1** *Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest?"*

**Isa 66:2** *For all those things My hand has made, And all those things exist," Says the LORD. "But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word.*

*Like Paul its this understanding this realisation that It was my sin that hung Him on the cross, and without Him I am nothing. And that only through His PERFECT LOVE ALONE I am what He says I am - its this mindset this revelation this absolute poorness of spirit that causes me to LIVE OUT AN APPREHENDED LIFESTYLE A RESTRAINED LIFESTYLE BY THE HOLY SPIRIT -*

*A LIFE FULLY CONVINCED  
A LIFE FULLY SOLD OUT  
A LIFE HUNGRY FOR HIM  
A LIFE THAT AFFECTS OTHERS*

*SO WITH THE SAME COMFORT I HAVE EXPERIENCED I CAN GIVE TO OTHERS*

*2Co 1:3-5 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, :4 **who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.** :5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ.*

*And we must realize that you've been apprehended by God For A REASON ITS NOT BY CHANCE YOU WERE CALLED BY GOD - He chose you and called you for a reason. And it was this that the early church had an assurity of His love then expressing it FROM A PLACE OF HUMILITY AND GRATITUDE*

Paul's whole **desire** was **not self contained or focused on oneself** but in everything he did and said was to Glorify the one Who had apprehended him.

## CHRIST JESUS HIS LORD

And the One in whom He experienced a comfort from, so he in turn could edify exhort and uplift his brethren! For he was anchored and convinced in his apprehension.—caused by being forever poor in spirit.

**Transformation is not an option for a Christian** it's the most natural (spiritual ) thing for a Christian to attain , it reveals the power of Christ's Life working in me.