

# THE LEON VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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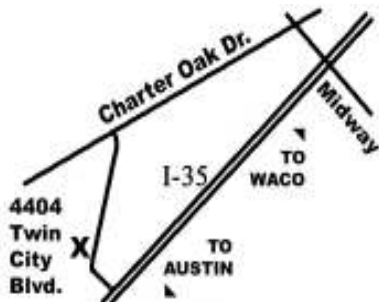
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## WHEN WE MEET

Sun:	Classes	9:30 A.M.
	Assembly	10:30 A.M.
	Assembly	6:00 P.M.
Wed:	Classes	7:30 P.M.

## WHERE WE MEET



From I-35, take the Midway exit (# 297). Go south (toward Austin) on the feeder road for almost one mile. Turn right at the DPS Drivers License office. We are on the left.

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## Why is the 'Old Way' Good?

*"Thus says the LORD, "Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls..." – Jer 6:16*

This familiar passage is often used by preachers, usually in a sermon on denominationalism, or institutionalism, or apostasy in general. And, it certainly has application in all of those areas.

But, what was it about *"the old paths"* that identified them with *"the good way"*? After all, things are not necessarily good because they are old. Most 'old stuff' finds its way to the garbage dump. And, neither is this a defense for pigheadedness. Those who insist on a course of action because *"that's the way we've always done it"* will find no solace in Jeremiah.

The *"old paths"* that Jeremiah pointed the people to was, of course, the Old Law – God's Law, given through Moses. He was simply calling the people back to God. Today, God's Law is found in the New Testament (Jer 31:31); but, that 'new' law is now 2000 years old. It may rightly be called 'the old paths', and thus, Jeremiah's call is as true today as it was then: *"walk in it"* (1 Jn 1:7) and *"find rest for your souls"* (Mt 11:29).

## T'aint Always So!

It's amazing how people fall for stuff. They accept the claims of televangelists without any investigation at all. But, just because some pink-haired lady sheds tears as she affirms some matter does not prove it to be so.

'Divine' healing – 'miracles' – are one of the most appealing of the projects promoted by the televangelists. But, do these fellows actually heal folks? Do they do what Jesus did? Are their miracles acts of divine intervention – suspensions of natural law?

Look at the difference in the 'healing' done today and that which was done in the Bible. Jesus never failed. If He called for healing, it happened. And, it wasn't gradual; it was instantaneous. And, Jesus healed all kinds of diseases, not just ones that are not visible. His miracles were undeniable and spectacular. Have you ever seen a man's limb restored on TV, or a blind man's eyesight restored, or some other obviously external malady? Why not, do you think?

How many faith healers of today have rebuked the wind and waves? How many of them have fed five thousand people with a few loaves and fishes? How many have raised a person from the dead? Think about it, folks.

If modern day 'miracle workers' want to show power, let them duplicate the Bible miracles. Otherwise, let them hush up, get out of the way, and let the Gospel of Christ do its work.

– Dee Bowman (edited)

## Just Thinkin'

The Woman is grateful for the littlest things I do, like cooking breakfast. But, in light of the load she pulls every day (doing 'battle' with the munchkins at school) my puny effort seems like nothing. I am grateful that she is grateful, but doing a trifle to help her along the way just seems so trivial by comparison.

The term "help meet" of Genesis 2 is archaic Jacobean language, and means little to most folks today (unless they have cut their teeth on the King James Bible). Modern translations use 'helper comparable' (or something like it) to signify that the woman was after Adam's likeness – one who, as Barnes writes, can "reciprocate his feelings". There is nothing of inferiority implied in the term. Rather, it points to wholeness or completeness.

The modern image that some men have of the husband-wife relationship is quite different from the Biblical image. To them, 'helper' means 'slave'. But, a wife was never intended to be a man's doormat, and any man who thinks so is either a newlywed or divorced. So, think about it, guys – and serve her breakfast in bed this weekend.