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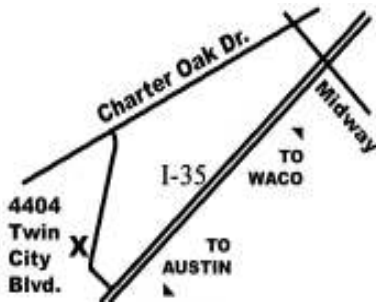
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WHEN WE MEET

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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A Spiritual Legacy

The closing words of the book of Nehemiah record this prayer, “Remember me, O my God, for good!” (13:31). It is similar to one of his earlier prayers: “Remember me, my God, for good, according to all that I have done for this people” (5:19). Clearly, Nehemiah was working on his spiritual legacy.

Of course, his nemeses were working on a legacy of their own, as another of Nehemiah’s prayers suggests: “My God, remember Tobiah and Sanballat, according to these their works” (6:14).

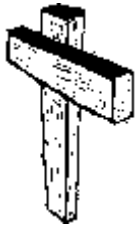
What a contrast! Nehemiah was building a spiritual legacy by building up the people of God, while Sanballat and Tobiah were creating their legacies by tearing down God’s people. Both legacies were destined to follow their creators into eternity (“Remember...”), which means both legacies had consequences attached.

And, so do ours. Jesus reminded the seven churches of Asia, “I know your works”. So, what kind of legacy are you building – encouraging, or discouraging?

Finished!

Jesus, our Savior, ended His work and suffering on the cross of Calvary with the words "*It is finished!*" (Jn. 19:30). In the original language, only one word was actually spoken by the Lord — τετελεσται. Not three words but one — ‘finished.’

It was the cry of a perfect ending, of victory and of completion. In this one word, Jesus declared a fact, a truth so amazing that Satan has been working ever since trying to hide the full implication of this statement from the minds of mankind.



The death of Jesus was for the sins of the whole world (1 Jn 2:2), yet only those who are “*in Christ*” will receive the benefit gained from it. “*For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory*” (2 Ti 2:10). And, “*For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ*” (Ga 3:27).

When Jesus said, "*finished!*" instantly the earth shook, the rocks were split, and the graves were opened (Mt. 27:51-52). His work to redeem man was accomplished.

The question for us is, ‘What will we do?’ Will we take advantage of his sacrifice by following Him, or will we continue to live our own way and be lost?

– Shane Williams (edited)

Just Thinkin’

Our society can be divided into two groups: those who are generally law-abiding, ‘decent’ people and those who are aren’t. Of course, Jesus died for the crack heads, muggers, and rapists, too; but, those who have no respect for the law – for the property or lives of others – make life tough for those who do.

Though much of what Jesus taught is ignored by the masses, lots of folks in our country still embrace many foundational principles that Jesus set forth: honesty, integrity, concern for others, and self-control. As people turn from these foundational principles, their lives fall apart, and the end can be brutal, painful, and heartbreaking. When enough people in a society turn from these principles, society itself begins to unravel – and the end will be brutality, pain, and heartbreak on a scale unimaginable (Judg 19).

As lawlessness increases, Christians may be tempted to give up. But, our society is in desperate need of salt – individuals who not only proclaim the principles that Jesus taught but practice them as well. Will you be that individual? Think about it.