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	Assembly	6:00 P.M.
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## 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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## Guilty As Charged

*“There is none who understands; there is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; they have together become unprofitable; there is none who does good, no, not one.”*  
- Ro 3:11-12

The inspired apostle quoted this blistering Old Testament passage, and others, to make a point. His immediate audience was the Jewish nation; and these quotes, from their own prophets, condemned them. But, in a broader context, these words are intended to condemn us all, as Paul went on to write, that *“all the world may become guilty before God”* (vs. 19b). That includes you and me.

But, we have a tendency to err in two directions. Some feel as though they are ‘better’ than other folks, and will be able to earn salvation by their own merit. Others feel as though they have sinned so grievously that God would never forgive them. Both extremes are wrong.

Understanding our own sinfulness is fundamental to getting ourselves right with God. But, this understanding must lead to faith in Jesus as the Savior, and a walk that is in keeping with that faith. Does this describe you?

## You Are A Minister

In the church today many have come to think of only one man as being 'the minister', instead of realizing that every Christian is a minister. The ministry is not something done TO the church, but something done BY the church. Those who seek to follow in the steps of Jesus would do well to heed His statement: "*the son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister*". Some today come to be ministered unto rather than to minister. The result is that the saints are no longer participants in service, but spectators in the grandstand.

Because of this attitude, many churches are delivering babies who never intend to grow up, enlisting soldiers who never intend to fight, and registering runners who never intend to run. Their motto is, "Here he is, Lord, send him". In many places, the ship of Zion is not manned by a volunteer crew, working for the sheer love of the Captain, but is steered by a pilot and a handful of assistant pilots while many of the others are just paying passengers who are only along for the ride.



Some have missed the very essence of the Christian concept and the result is that we have the greatest accumulation of unused talent and the richest deposit of untouched ability of any group of people on earth. We need to revolutionize our thinking so that every soldier will don the armor and every child of God will be active in ministering.

– William Walker (edited)

## Just Thinkin'

"I can't wait to get out of this place! I'm tired of being told what to do! I'm going to join the Army!" The teacher who heard this one could barely contain her laughter. This young man was in for a rude awakening.

The fact is, we never escape the need for rules and guidance. We leave school and the apron strings of home only to find ourselves responsible to the law, and a boss, and the IRS, and - well, you know the rest.

We may chafe under the yoke of duty and responsibility, but the only alternative is to be irresponsible - which is just another word for immature and childish. No thanks, I'd rather be a man.

Of course, God also makes demands of us. From the time we are old enough to understand right from wrong, until the time we die, we are accountable to God (hence, the 'age of accountability'). If we are not mature enough to understand WHY we must do what we must do, we may complain. But, do His will, we must - or pay the price. Think about it.