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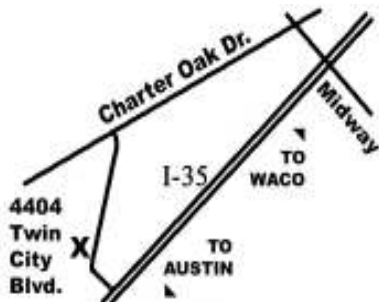
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WHEN WE MEET

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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Doom to the People of God

One cannot read the prophets of the Old Testament without being impressed of one significant fact: most of their prophecies of doom were directed toward the people of God. Yes Assyria, Babylon, Egypt and others fell under the prophets' condemnation; but, most of these warnings of impending doom were against Israel/Judah.

The same phenomenon was at work in the first century in the work of Christ. He spoke of universal judgment, but He leveled His most severe condemnations against hypocritical Jews who were masquerading as God's people.

And, this should scare the daylights out of Christians today.

God's judgment will be against all who are disobedient; but, that judgment will "*begin at the house of God*" (1 P 4:17). Baptism and party affiliation do not automatically confer right-standing with God. He is looking for those who truly repentant – whose hearts have turned to Him. And make no mistake; God sees the heart (Ps 51:17).

We had better be dead serious in this matter of being right with God. The church is no place for half-hearted, exterior commitments. So repent – from the inside out.

Another Perspective

The Dangers of Dancing

I understand why people, especially young people, want to dance. It looks like fun. But fun is often the package that sin is wrapped in. James describes sin's process as being "*drawn away by...desires and enticed*" which when "*conceived, gives birth to sin...*" (1:14-15). We must be ever alert to sin's trickery.

Dancing is not a passive, innocent activity. Parents who allow their children to become involved in dancing – even if the children are too young to understand the sexual dangers – are playing with dynamite. If you sow the seeds, you will reap the fruit.

“But”, someone sputters, "there is dancing in the Bible." Yes, there is, but study it carefully before thinking that it authorizes dancing as we're talking about it. Some of it was merely an expression of joy or a celebration of victory. It is more like when we see fans running and jumping on the football field after a game (Ex 15:20-21; 1 Sa 18:6-7). Psalms 149:3 and 150:4 speak of dancing in connection with worshiping God. But, is the Prom about worshipping God?

Suggestion: Get involved with Galatians 5:19-21 before you get involved with dancing. Especially note the words '*uncleanness*', '*lewdness*' and '*revelries*' – words that accurately describe dancing. Let's stop asking what's wrong with dancing and start asking what's right about it. Try to biblically defend it, and you will soon understand why dancing is a sin.

– Ronny E. Hinds (edited)

Just Thinkin'

Education is a two-edged sword. On the one hand, God's Word requires a certain amount of education to be able to read it, understand it, and teach it to others.

On the other hand, Paul warned his Grecian audience to beware of the 'wisdom of men' (1 Co 1:19). Having recently emerged from their 'golden years' of philosophy (remember Socrates and Aristotle), these Greeks had a reputation for advanced learning. Clearly, Paul saw a danger in the church at Corinth.

So, where do we draw the line? When does 'education' become a bad thing? Is a high school diploma 'good', and a Ph.D. 'bad'? Or, is this even the issue? Think about it.

Paul's warning to the Corinthians actually has nothing to do with level of education. A high school dropout & a Ph.D. are equally at risk of following 'human wisdom'. It all comes down to a matter of authority – *to whom are we listening for guidance in our lives?*

May God grant us more scholars with hearts of humility towards His Word.