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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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## “Good Sermon, Preacher”

*“They come to you as people do, they sit before you as My people, and they hear your words, but they do not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their hearts pursue their own gain. Indeed you are to them as a very lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice and can play well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they do not do them.” - Eze 33:31-32*

It is the heartfelt desire of every gospel preacher to be effective with those to whom he preaches. Nothing is more gratifying than to see those who have heard the message act upon it. Christians and non-Christians alike benefit from the preaching of the gospel – IF it is taken to heart and used as a springboard to a new life.

On the other hand, few things are more discouraging to a gospel preacher than to see those to whom he preaches fail to make application of the message. Especially is this true when the rebellious one masquerades as a child of God. “Good sermon, preacher” rings hollow when it is not followed up with a changed life.

Preachers appreciate a pat on the back for a job well done as much as the next guy. And, not a few pulpiteers seem to live for such accolades. But, a ‘pleasant voice’ and a sermon ‘played well’ are no substitute for plain preaching that convicts hearts and changes lives.

## What Determines Right?

**NOT REASON:** *“For seeing that in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom knew not God, it was God’s good pleasure through the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.”* (1 Co 1:21). *“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”* (Isa 55:9).

**NOT CONSCIENCE:** *“Brethren, I have lived before God in all good conscience until this day.”* (Ac 23:1). (Said by Paul, although he had persecuted Christians.)

**NOT CUSTOM NOR TRADITION:** *“Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?”* (Mt 15:3). *“Take heed lest there shall be any one that makes spoil of you through his philosophy and vain deceit, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.”* (Col 2:8).

**NOT ‘AUTHORITIES’:** *“I know that in ignorance you did it, as did also your RULERS”* (Ac 3:17).

**NOT THE MAJORITY OR THE MASSES:** *“Enter in by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many are they that enter in thereby.”* (Mt 7:13).

**BUT RATHER THE WORD OF GOD:** It is reasonable, will make the conscience good, is God’s ‘tradition’, authoritative, and intended for all.

– Bill Crews

## Just Thinkin’

Who can figure the weather? It is mid-January and we are seeing 82 degrees in Texas and, on at least one day last week, it was colder in Miami than in Denver.

Of course, ‘global warming’ fear-mongers have a field day with these oddities. They see it as proof that men really are the curse of the planet and that all would be better if we would just go away and leave this world to the lions, tigers, and bears.

I find it especially ironic that some of the leading proponents of this philosophy are ‘humanists’ – people who believe that if humans don’t fix it, it won’t get fixed.

Well, Christians certainly believe that much in this world needs ‘fixed’. But, we also believe that God has provided the means to fix what needs fixin’ – like sin – and, that there are some things that cannot be fixed, no matter how hard we may try (Mt 6:27).

Thinking about it, this world is destined for major ‘climate change’ anyway (2 P 3:10). So, I think I’ll keep the car.