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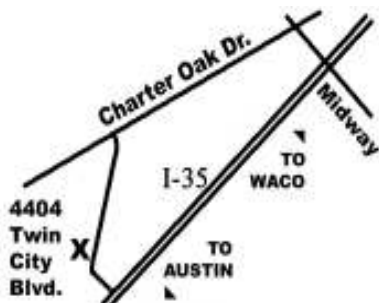
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WHEN WE MEET

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| 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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Universal Blessing – or Offer?

“...in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed”

- God to Abram (Ge 12:3)

One of the most important threads running through the Bible is the ‘Abrahamic’ promise. It was the promise that God made to Abraham that all nations of the earth would be blessed through his seed (Ge 12:3, 22:18). ‘All nations’ includes you and me.

The apostle Paul provides the inspired commentary on this promise – and how it applies to you and me – in his letter to the Galatians. He writes that the promise simply refers to the justification from sin that is made available to us all through Christ (Ga 3:8-9, 29). No wonder it is such an important thread! Forgiveness matters!

But, although it is called ‘The Promise of Universal Blessing’, it could also be called ‘The Promise of The Offer of Universal Blessing’. Such a title does not sound as elegant, but it reflects the reality. All people are blessed to have the opportunity for forgiveness; but, not all people choose to accept it. For many, the tragedy of the Day of Judgment will be in knowing that the blessing was offered – but rejected. So, the question is: have you been blessed with forgiveness in Christ (Ga 3:26-27)?

Another Perspective

Before You Say, "I Can't"

Once upon a time there were some elders looking for teachers for young people, children, and preschoolers for the Bible classes.

And some adults said, "I don't want to leave the sweet fellowship and study in my adult class;" but the drug pusher on the street said, "Not even the threat of jail will keep me from working with your children."

And some adults said, "We have to be out of town too often on the weekend;" but the porno book dealer said, "We're willing to stay in town weekends."

And some adults said, "I'm unsuited to work with children;" but the movie producer said, "We'll survey and spend millions to produce whatever turns kids on."

And some adults said, "I could never give the time required to plan and go to teacher's meetings" but the pusher, the porno book dealer, and the movie producer said, "We'll stay open whatever hours are necessary every day to win the minds of the kids."

So, the adults stayed in their classes and enjoyed the sweet fellowship and absorbed the good Bible study and could go out of town often on weekends.

And when Sunday came, the children came to their classes – and no one was there.

– Author Unknown (edited)

Just Thinkin'

One homespun philosopher observed that the problem with an open mind is that a person's brains keep falling out. And, there is more than a little truth to it.

When we are so open-minded that we accept all moral standards as equally valid, then our brains have fallen out. When we are so open-minded that we can accept that all the universe (with its intricate life forms and amazing design) just happened by chance, then our brains have fallen out. When we are so open-minded that we see 'truth' as a subjective concept, free to be interpreted according to individual desire and agenda, then our brains have fallen out.

Of course, there is a time to be open-minded. We should be open-minded enough to overcome preconceived notions and biases. And, we should be open-minded enough to accept valid evidence when it confronts us. But, this kind of open-mindedness does not require a loss of brain cells. It merely requires that we lose our hardened hearts. Think about it.