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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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STICK WITH THE FACTS!

“You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. I said therefore unto you that you shall die in your sins; for if you believe not that I am He, you shall die in your sins”

- Jn 8:23-24

In these few words, Jesus denounced the claims of other world religions. Muslims, Jews, Buddhists, Hindus, and all the rest who do not believe that Jesus is the Christ – they all shall die in sin. And, while this may sound cold and hard-hearted, it is simply a statement of the facts.

If it is a fact that Jesus rose from the dead (Ac 17:31-32), then He is the Christ, and there is no other.

If it is a fact that sins are washed away by the blood of Jesus (He 9:11-15), then salvation can be through no one else – for no other religion can make a claim to the atoning blood of God (Ac 20:28).

And, if it is a fact that we will one day be judged by the words of Jesus, not Mohammed or Buddha (Jn 12:48), then we should get busy learning His words, and applying them.

So, forget traditions, emotions, and intellectualism and stick with the facts. As Jesus put it, *“You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free”* (Jn 8:32).

Another Perspective

Eagles in a Storm

Did you know that an eagle knows when a storm is approaching long before it breaks? The eagle will fly to some high spot and wait for the winds to come. When the storm hits, it sets its wings so that the wind will pick it up and lift it above the storm. While the storm rages below, the eagle is soaring above it. The eagle does not escape the storm. It simply uses the storm to lift it higher. It rises on the winds that bring the storm.



When the storms of life come upon us — and all of us will experience them — we can rise above them by setting our minds and our belief toward God.

The storms do not have to overcome us. We can allow God's power to lift us above them. God enables us to ride the winds of the storm that bring sickness, tragedy, failure, and disappointment in our lives. We can soar above the storm.

The wise man wrote, *“When times are good, be happy. But, when times are bad, consider: God has made the one as well as the other. Therefore, a man cannot discover anything about his future”* (Ec 7:14). Solomon well summarized life. There are good and bad days. Make the best of both. When things go well, rejoice and praise God. When they go wrong and adversity attacks the soul, rest on the assurance that God is there and He cares.

– Author Unknown (edited)

Just Thinkin'

Juan Ponce de León is credited with the first European exploration of Florida. And no, he was not looking for Disneyworld. Legend has it that he was searching for the 'fountain of youth' - the mystical fountain which would provide eternal life.

One cynic, upon hearing this story, replied, "We have enough youth; how about a fountain of smart?" Now, I can appreciate the sentiment. After teaching 7th grade for many years - and finding myself on the down side of the century mark - I am persuaded that 'youth' is not all it's cracked up to be.

But, when Jesus told Martha that those who believe on Him *“shall never die”* (Jn 11:26), was this a promise of eternal 'youth'? Or worse, was it merely a promise of eternal 'existence' - a continuation of all of life's wrinkles and rheumatism? Of course not.

There IS a 'fountain of youth' where there will be no more death, or pain (Re 21:4). Both the 'smart' and the 7th grader can find it - if they look in the right place (Mt 11:28-30). Think about it.