

# THE LEON VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sun:	Classes	9:30 A.M.
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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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# SIMPLE TRUTH

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## The Deity of Jesus

“... if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins” -

- Jn 8:24

Much has been written through the years about the deity of Jesus. In the first century there were those who denied His divinity (unbelieving Jews and others), and then there were those who believed in ‘docetism’ – that Jesus did not possess a physical body, but was only an apparition (many of the Gnostics held this view).

The Bible is clear about the fundamentals of the deity of Jesus. It is clear that Jesus was divine. From His virgin birth to His acceptance of worship, the Bible is clear that this was no ordinary man. But, it is also clear that Jesus was human – He was not just God. He was God *in the flesh* (Jn 1:14). It was not a robot who experienced the very real temptations in the wilderness (He 4:15); and, it was not a stuffed lamb that died on the cross (He 2:14ff).

Many today want to debate the physics of His deity, or to pose rabbinical hypotheticals designed to entrap other rabbis (Mt 22:24-28). Let us be content to embrace the fundamentals of the gospel message: He is Emmanuel – God with us. And, let us be about the business of spreading that message to the world.

## Another Perspective

### *Do All Churches Belong to Christ?*

Suppose you see a man whose legs walked in a direction contrary to what the man's head wanted. Perhaps the man wants to walk straight ahead, but instead the legs go to the right or to the left. We would conclude that this man's body has been damaged in a very severe way – his body no longer obeys his head.

In the religious world, many 'bodies' are walking around claiming to be the body of Christ; yet, they turn to the right or to the left when Christ, the Head, wants to walk straight ahead.

Not all churches belong to Christ. The standard for decision-making is not our opinion. It is not the size of the building, the number of members, or the popularity of a church in a community. The standard for decision-making is whether a church teaches, practices, and upholds the doctrine of its Head, Jesus.

If the body, the church, does not walk in a manner that is consistent with the directions received from the Head, Jesus, then the body does not truly belong to the Head. Something is seriously wrong and the body is gravely ill.

Every person should examine what is being practiced by the church where they are a member to see if the things practiced are consistent with the teachings of the Bible. If not, it is time to find a church that truly belongs to Christ.

– David Watts, Jr. (edited)

## Just Thinkin'

*"There are only 10 kinds of people in the world: those who understand binary math and those who don't."* It's a one-liner that only computer geeks can appreciate. And, true computer geeks can not only read binary – they understand why binary math matters in the first place.

Understanding God's Word is much the same way. True Bible knowledge requires more than knowing dates and data, people and places. It requires an understanding of the relationships between all these things. And, perhaps more than anything else, it requires the ability to know why all of that info matters in the first place. Simply put, we must be able to apply an understanding of God's Word to our everyday lives.

Little good it does to know that Hezekiah was the 13<sup>th</sup> ruler of the southern kingdom if we haven't learned to emulate his faith. And, little good it does to recite the names of the 12 apostles if we don't respect the authority of these men – or the One who gave them that authority. Think about it.