

THE LEON VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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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Coming to Christ

"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT BY GOD.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me."

— Jn 6:44-45

Jesus sets forth a very clear prerequisite for anyone who would be His disciple: the Father must "draw him". The Calvinist sees in this a direct election of certain chosen individuals. The Pentecostal sees in it a direct operation of the Holy Spirit upon the heart of a person. Jesus, however, leaves no room for such spin.

His quote from Isaiah (54:13) is significant. **There must be a teaching process** if one is to draw near to God. One must be taught God's Word. And, as a result of that teaching process, one must **hear** and **learn** of Christ – hearing with a humble and receptive heart (Mt 13:13-16). To put it simply, those who are taught of Christ must have the heart to believe, internalize, and practice the things taught.

And so, they do not come to Christ as a result of some mystical feeling or subjective emotion. By definition these are believing, obedient students of God's Word. Such individuals – and no others – will come to Christ.

ENVIRONMENTALIST WACKOS

“For years we have had nothing but threats and promises of disaster upon disaster upon disaster... Anybody who has a simple, healthy respect for God is able to know that the environmentalist wackos have a baseless philosophy. What they claim to happen is simply not possible to be true by virtue of human beings being who we are naturally. It is simply not possible.



“How you can walk around this planet, how you can learn what there is to learn about the way the human body functions, how you can watch nature actually take place and not see God, is beyond me, but they are able to do it. But, they’re the ones who are standing on quicksand when they do.

“To them, the tree is god. To them, the blade of grass is god. There was nothing before it. It’s just here, and it is THAT which we must revere. It’s THAT which we must worship. They’ve never been more wrong, and they’re going to continue to be wrong. These are classic, classic fringe kook leftists, and they have attitudes much like this in other areas of passionate belief that they hold.”

– Rush Limbaugh (transcript from 4/22/04)

Just Thinkin'

Pantheism is the belief that nature itself is a 'creative presence', and therefore that there is no intelligent Designer, Creator, or God. It finds its followers especially in the modern environmental movement.

Deism is the belief that there is a God, but that He has only revealed Himself through nature, not through any verbal revelation. It finds its followers among intellectuals.

These two philosophies have been around, in one form or another, for thousands of years, but have resurfaced today in the modern 'New Age' movement. Their common thread is the denial of any moral absolutes. Morality becomes a subjective, 'do-as-you-please' set of principles without any basis, except in man's own intellect.

Paul wrote of such: “*Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools...*” (Ro 1:22).

The Psalmist David exalted God's creation AND God's law (Ps 19). BOTH are powerful witnesses to His character and deserve to be heard. Think about it.