

# THE LEON VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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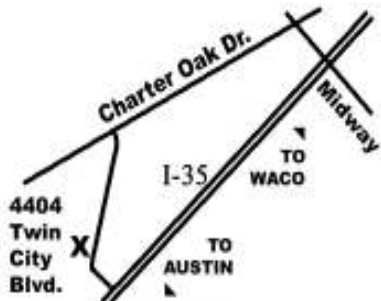
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## WHEN WE MEET

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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# SIMPLE TRUTH

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## Jesus: the God-Man

*“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...”* - Jn 1:14

Jesus is portrayed in scripture as God “in the flesh”, God “with us”, and “the Son of God”. Such statements leave no doubt what the Biblical writers thought of Jesus and His origin.

But, such ideas were not new to the ancient world. The Greeks had been teaching similar views for years. Their ‘gods’, like Hercules, were also said to take human form and to live as men. So, what makes Jesus different?

For one, Greek gods were myths – made up characters concocted in the minds of men to explain unknown phenomena. Jesus was an actual historical figure; His deeds were widely witnessed and reported.

But, the character of Jesus also stands in stark contrast to the capricious, lustful, and narcissistic gods of Greek mythology. When the God of the universe emptied Himself and took the form of a servant, He did so in order to save humanity from their own sins. He took on a fleshly body, not to fulfill its base desires, but to offer that body as a blood sacrifice for the sins of others. Even the mighty Hercules would be shamed before Him.

## Another Perspective

# I Ain't Never Tried It

A young lady entered the store and greeted the young man ahead of me in the checkout line.

"Hey, how's it goin'? Haven't seen you in awhile," she chirped.

"I got married," said the young man.

"You did? How is it?"

"Okay, I guess. It's as good as you make it."

"Yeah, I guess so. I ain't never tried it."

One does not have to be a sociologist to see that the divorce rate can't be anything but high in a culture where this sort of conversation can take place. When young people of marriageable age think and speak of marriage as something one merely 'tries,' it can hardly come as a surprise when many of the marriages that are 'tried' end up having 'failed.'

Not long ago in a Bible class a young man asked, "What if you marry someone and find out afterwards that they have been married previously and are unscripturally divorced?" His question wasn't frivolous. We're living in a time when it can be a mistake to assume the person you are dating has never 'tried' marriage before. It pays to ask for an honest answer.

The scourge of divorce in our society won't abate until we return to the biblical notion that divorce, in the absence of adultery (Mt 19:9), is not even to be considered an option. Jesus said, "*So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate*" (Mt 19: 6).

– Gary Henry (edited)

# Just Thinkin'

Some people view life as that annoying time between naps when they are forced to deal with reality. Solomon accurately describes their time in bed as a door turning on its hinges (Pr 26:14) – what a perfect metaphor.

The New Testament admonishes Christians, "*Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good...*" (Ep 4:28). This is more than a prohibition against armed robbery or theft. A Christian will not rob an employer of time, a store-owner of goods, or the government (tax-payers) of services.

Of course, staying constructively occupied is not the ultimate virtue. The 'workaholic' may become obsessed with making money, or rob his family of time that could be spent more productively. But, in our society the trend is toward less effort, not more – often even rewarding the slackers.

Constructive use of one's time will prove a blessing, not a burden. "*The sleep of a laboring man is sweet...*" (Ec 5:12). The sleep of a sluggard isn't. Think about it.