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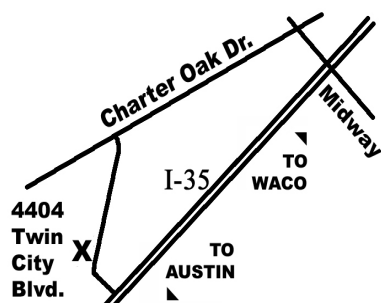
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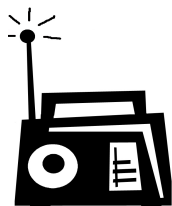
Sun:	Classes	9:30 A.M.
	Assembly	10:30 A.M.
	Assembly	6:00 P.M.
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## WHERE WE MEET



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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## RUINED SERMONS

Have you ever heard a sermon that seemed completely disorganized? Or, perhaps the delivery was flawed? Or, for whatever reason, you just didn't get it? I've heard a few such sermons. Some would say I have preached a few just like that. If a preacher is going to preach, he should certainly learn *how* to preach – and do the best job he can each time he enters the pulpit. But, the preacher isn't the only one who can ruin a good sermon.

When an audience fails to heed the warnings, or to repent at the rebuke, or to take courage from the exhortation, then whose fault is it? A preacher can do no more than faithfully present God's message. The responsibility to *receive* that message falls to the audience (Mt 13:18-23).

Of course, in one sense, a good sermon cannot be ruined. If the truth is preached in such a manner that people can hear it and understand it, then it has accomplished its purpose. As God spoke through Isaiah, "*So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it (55:11).*" Whether we choose to accept it or reject it, the faithful preaching of God's Word will never be wasted.

## Diversity

Diversity is overrated. There, I said it. It has its place. It serves a purpose. But, the idea that it is the noblest characteristic of a society is ludicrous.

Upon hearing of an attack upon soldiers at Ft Hood by one of their own, military leaders were quick to assert that the diverse population of the armed forces was a good thing. And, if we are talking about diversity of sexes and ethnicities, I agree; but, not diversity of purpose. If soldiers hold views that are diametrically opposed to those espoused by the army itself and the Constitution, well, I'd say the army has a problem.

The Lord's army has a much bigger concern for diversity, since the Lord's army has a much grander mission. All are welcome, make no mistake. *"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus"* (Gal 3:28). But, the only way we can be *"one in Christ"* is to adopt His credo – each and every one of us. To truly have *"the unity of the Spirit"*, we must emphasize *"one body and one Spirit, ...one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all"* (Ep 4:4-6).

One who has not yet come to accept Jesus on His terms is still loved and respected by His followers. Hopefully with exposure to God's people, he will be moved to change. But until then, attempting to bring him into the ranks does far more harm than good to the cause of Christ.

– Hal Hammons (edited)

## Just Thinkin'

1. God cannot err;
2. The Bible is the word of God;
3. Therefore, the Bible cannot err.

The above statements are an example of a valid syllogism, meaning that if the premises are true (#'s 1 & 2), then the conclusion must also be true (#3).

So can God err? We see examples of His omnipotence throughout the Bible, and there are numerous passages that tell us the extent of His power and infallibility (cf Jer 32:17). We see then that God is all-powerful and cannot err.

Is the Bible the word of God? The Bible claims this about itself in passages such as 2 Ti 3:16 which tells us, *"all scripture is God-breathed."* Internal evidences, such as the unified & harmonious nature of the scriptures and numerous fulfilled prophecies point toward a God-breathed Bible.

Our conclusion is inescapable: the Bible is inerrant. How important is it then, for us to follow what the Bible says? Think about it.

– Drew Nelson