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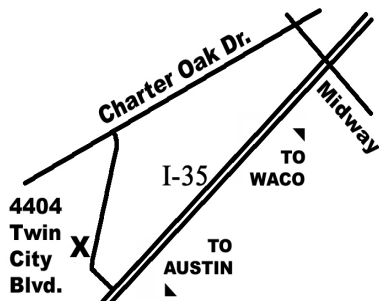
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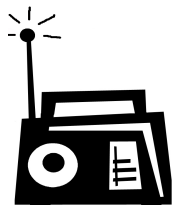
Sun:	Classes	9:30 A.M.
	Assembly	10:30 A.M.
	Assembly	6:00 P.M.
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## WHERE WE MEET



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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## FINDING FAULT

*“When they saw some of His disciples eat bread with defiled, that is, with unwashed hands, they found fault” - Mk 7:2*

Our knee-jerk reaction upon reading this is to condemn those who “*found fault*” with the disciples of Jesus. After all, even worldly folks are put off by a fault-finder. But, on another occasion Jesus commanded His disciples to “*go and tell him his fault*” (Mt 18:15). Clearly, the issue in Mk 7 was not simply ‘finding fault’. So, what was it?

In Mt 18, Jesus discusses a situation in which a brother has sinned (“*if your brother sins against you*”). Telling such a brother about his sin implies that we go to God’s Word and detail – from the Word – what the sin is. We appeal to the standard of God’s Word to define the fault.

On the other hand, the Pharisees of Mk 7 were upset that Jesus had violated their traditions, not the Word of God. Such a ‘fault’ was hardly sin – but, they “*found fault*” anyway. They were clearly more concerned about the violation of their traditions than they were the violation of God’s Word.

When we must ‘find fault’ today, let’s be sure the ‘fault’ is defined by God’s Word, and not our own opinions.

## WILLINGLY IGNORANT

Many today are willingly ignorant of God's Word (2 P 3:5-6). This happens *"because they did not receive the love of the truth"* (2 Th 2:10). When people demand to hear only the 'positive,' they are willingly ignorant. God's complete truth - both positive and negative - is necessary for our salvation. We must declare *"the whole counsel of God"* (Ac 20:27).

Some think that if they ignore what God says on certain subjects (such as marriage & divorce, dancing, drinking alcohol, instrumental music, denominationalism, etc.) that the issue will somehow go away. But, Jesus said, *"the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day"* (Jn 12:48).

God said, *"My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you"* (Hos 4:6). Others *"have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge"* (Ro 10:2-3). Though people may be sincere, they are sincerely wrong if they are following the doctrines of men. All who follow the doctrines of men will be eternally lost.

What should you do in order to *"make your calling and election sure"* (2 P 1:10)? Jesus said, *"You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free"* (Jn 8:32). We should *"no longer be children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine"* (Ep 4:14). In order to not be willingly ignorant we must study God's Word (2 Ti 2:15).

– Ron Boatwright (edited for space)

## Just Thinkin'

The late newspaper publisher, William Randolph Hearst, invested a fortune collecting art treasures from around the world. One day, Mr. Hearst found a description of some valuable items that he felt he just had to have. He sent his agent on a trip to find the items.

After months and months of searching, the agent located the art objects. They were in Mr. Hearst's own warehouse! Mr. Hearst had looked frantically for treasures he already owned. Had he read the catalog listing his own treasures, he would have saved himself a lot of money and trouble.

Like Mr. Hearst, many people today search far and wide for some kind of fulfillment in life...for their calling. Yet, most do not realize that the Bible contains all the riches and fulfillment one could ever want or need.

In Eph. 1, Paul prays for these spiritual riches. He prays that we might know: God (v 17), His call (v 18), His riches (v 18), and His power (v 19). Have you bothered to read the catalog?  
–Drew Nelson