

From the Pastor

Before leaving the section of Christ's Sermon on the Mount, we need to address His words recorded in Matthew 5:48, "Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect."

Please understand that this verse is expressing our goal. The focus of our lives must be seeking to be filled with the qualities of life that are possessed by God. But, how do we know what the Father is like? God did not leave the answer to that question to chance. He gave us the example of His firstborn Son to be the standard of how we are to become.

Jesus on more than one occasion said that He and His Father are one (John 10:30). Philip asked this question on the night of that last Passover that Jesus ate with His disciples. "Philip said to Him, 'Lord show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?' Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me?'"

Jesus and the Father have the same qualities of character, righteousness, and love that we are to grow in. This is why the Scriptures record many times that Jesus Christ—qualities of His life—is the standard that we are to be seeking to meet.

Remember Paul exhorted God's people in Philippians 2:5, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus..." Paul also wrote to the Ephesians, "till we all come to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." (Ephesians 4:13) Our goal is to seek to achieve that standard—the standard of Jesus' life—His example.

Jesus Christ's life reveals the path that the Father wants us to follow. John (speaking of Jesus Christ) wrote in John 1:4, "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men." Jesus Christ's life illuminates the path on which the Father wants us to walk. The life of Jesus Christ must be growing in us so that we live this life—meet the situations of this life—as He would. Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 4:11, "For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in out mortal flesh."

In this physical life we will never reach the level of perfection of life that Jesus Christ has. We will never become perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect. However, to inherit life in the family of God, the Father must see in us a 100% commitment to pursuing that goal of becoming like His firstborn Son. Paul wrote in Colossians 3:4, "When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory."

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	6:02pm	6:05pm	6:09pm
Sunset Friday 2-2	6:07pm	6:10pm	6:14pm

Church of God South Texas

Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



January 27, 2018

Victoria

Sermon: Jim Chapman

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: In Accord-DVD

Sermon: Steve Moody

Harlingen

Sermonette: Michael Watts

Sermon: DVD

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Galatians 2:20

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 1/27	Regular times and locations for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen, and Victoria.
Sabbath 2/3	Regular times and locations for Corpus Christi, San Antonio and Victoria. Mr. Moody will speak in San Antonio and Victoria. There will be a DVD sermon from Mr. Britt Taylor in Corpus Christi.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

San Antonio Potluck: The next regularly will be February 3, 2018.

Harlingen Pot Luck: The Harlingen congregation will have a potluck on the Sabbath of February 3rd after services.

Corpus Christi Bible Study: The Corpus Christi congregation will have a Bible Study - Brown Bag Social on the Sabbath of February 17th.

Corpus Christi: Goose Island campout March 23-25, **please note the date change. The campout dates had to be changed because of scheduling and spring break conflicts.**

Basketball Weekend in Gladewater: January 26-27, 2018

Dallas Regional Teen Formal & Basketball Weekend: March 10-11

Registration is now open for Bow Ties and Bling – the 2018 Dallas Regional Teen Formal Dinner-Dance and Graduating Seniors Special Recognition.

The Sabbath service will be held at Unity Church (6525 Forest Lane, Dallas, TX) at 2 PM.

The dinner, senior recognition, and dance will follow at Embassy Suites Dallas Park Central (3131 North Central Expressway, Dallas, TX 75243). Registration, senior presentation information, hotel options, and other event details can be accessed at <http://www.cogwadallas.org/teens>. Please direct any questions to Dora Jennings at thejenningsfour@gmail.com or 214-695-7484.

Basketball games for preteens, teens, and adults will follow on Sunday at our regular location (PSA-1, 6500 Preston Meadow Dr, Plano, TX 75024).