

From the Pastor:

Last time we covered the biblical understanding of the difference between being corruptible and incorruptible. Being corruptible means being perishable – thus subject to deterioration and decay. The quality of being corruptible (subject to deterioration and decay) is a quality or function of being composed of matter.

All things composed of spirit are not subject to deterioration and decay. Things composed of spirit are incorruptible. God is spirit (John 4:24). Being spirit God is incorruptible (Romans 1:23). This is one of the distinctions the Bible makes between things composed of matter and things composed of spirit.

Hebrews 1:10-12 records, “You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are a work of Your hands; they will perish, but You remain; and they will grow old like a garment; like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not fail.”

So we see even the material universe is corruptible. It will perish. This is what Paul was alluding to in Romans 8:20-21, “For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.”

The last part of 1 Corinthians 15:52 says, “For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.” To become incorruptible we all must undergo a change.

If you remember 1 Corinthians 15:53 records that we (who are corruptible) must put on incorruption. Then verse 54 says “when this corruptible has put on incorruption...” But, those two verses also say that “this mortal must (has) put on immortality.

Becoming incorruptible like God doesn’t automatically mean that we will be on the God-plane level of life. What being incorruptible implies is that we will be composed of spirit and thus incorruptible like God is; but, not necessarily on His level of life.

However, the rest of verses 53 and 54 record that “this mortal must (verse 53 or “has” verse 54) put on immortality.” “Putting on immortality” absolutely indicates that we will be like God on the God-plane level of life.

The Greek word translated as “immortality” here is “athanasia.” We don’t need to be concerned with the meaning of the word as we will see. “Athanasia” is only used three times in the New Testament. Twice in 1 Corinthians 15:53-54 and once in 1 Timothy 6:16 which records, “who alone has immortality [athanasia].” This passage is speaking of God [the Father] and the Lord Jesus Christ (verse 13).

Only God – the members of the God family – possess immortality. When we put on immortality we will become like God – on the God-plane level of life.

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Sunset Today in:	5:43pm	5:47pm	5:52pm
Sunset Friday 1-10	5:48pm	5:51pm	5:56pm

Church of God South Texas

Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



January 4, 2020

Victoria

Sermon: Steve Moody

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: Arnold Mendez
Sermon: Taige McIntrye

Harlingen

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“The Lord will destroy the house of the proud, but He will establish the boundary of the widow.”

Proverbs 15:25

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 1-4	Regular times and locations for all congregations.
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FOUNDATION OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL

Foundation Outreach International and the Church would like to announce an opportunity for up to four young adults to serve in two different educational projects in late July/early August of 2020 in the African counties of Zambia and Zimbabwe! We are looking for young adults from the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, who are interested in serving brethren in these developing countries. Projects involve teaching English to our brethren in the rural areas of Zimbabwe or Zambia. Participants for both projects will be gone a total of 12 to 14 days. We recommend you visit the FOI website (accessible from the COGWA members' website). If you are seriously interested in any of these unique service projects, please pick up copies of both the fact sheet (which details requirements, dates and costs) and the ATTACHED FULL application. **(These have been forwarded to the email list. If you want one and did not receive one, please let Mr. Moody know.)**

Note: Please submit this FULL APPLICATION (available at the information table or attached to this email). DO NOT submit the short, interest application from the website. The deadline for applying is April 3, 2020, so get your application in soon!

If you have any questions about this project, feel free to contact Doug Horchak at doug.horchak@cogwa.org.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

San Antonio Pot Luck: The next potluck will be on January 4.

5th Annual Goose Island Campout: On the weekend of Friday February 21st through Sunday February 23rd the Corpus Christi congregation will be hosting their 5th annual Goose Island State Park Campout. Goose Island State Park is located about 10 miles north of Rockport, TX. Weekend activities will include a Sabbath Bible Study, campfire fellowship, and a telescope star/planet viewing party after the Sabbath ends. Sabbath Services for Corpus Christi will be held at the campout, there will be no local services.