

From the Pastor

Jesus began the Sermon on the Mount with what are called the Beatitudes. We have covered all of those qualities of character in previous bulletins (Corpus Christi and Victoria) and weekly updates (San Antonio) from August 5 through November 18.

Jesus then said in Matthew 5:13, “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.”

Jesus said to his disciples, “You are the salt of the earth...” The disciples of Jesus Christ were and are to be the salt of the earth. We know salt has two primary functions. It is a seasoning agent that adds a desirable flavor to many foods. But, salt is also used as a preservative. Salt when used as a preservative keeps foods that are treated with it from spoiling.

In ancient Israel “a covenant of salt” was a covenant that was meant to last. We see this phrase used in 2 Chronicles 13:5 “Should you not know that the Lord God of Israel gave the dominion over Israel to David forever, to him and his sons by a covenant of salt?” Abijah here was simply echoing what Nathan had told David many decades before. 2 Samuel 7:16 records, “And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.” As we know David’s throne still exists in England today.

Jesus Christ has been promised by God the Father to sit on the throne of David. We read this in Luke 1:32, “He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.”

What is it that will preserve humanity alive for Jesus Christ’s return? That which will preserve humanity will be the salt of the earth—the disciples of Jesus Christ—those who are growing in the qualities of character described in the Beatitudes.

Matthew 24:20-22 gives Christ’s words (Moffatt Translation), “Pray that you may not have to fly in winter or on the Sabbath, for there will be sore misery then, such as has never been, from the beginning of the world till now—no and never shall be. Had not those days been cut short, not a soul would be saved alive; however, for the sake of the elect, those days will be cut short.”

Because there is still salt in this world of humanity it will be preserved.

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	5:31pm	5:34pm	5:39pm
Sunset Friday 12-1	5:30pm	5:34pm	5:38pm



Victoria

Sermon: Jack Hendren

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: Arnold Mendez

Sermon: Steve Moody

Harlingen

Sermonette: Orlando Mascorro

Sermon: DVD

“And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

Luke 1:33

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 11/25	Regular times and locations for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen, and Victoria.
Sabbath 12/2	Regular times and locations for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen, and Victoria. Mr. Moody will be in Victoria and San Antonio. Mr. Mendez will be in Corpus Christi, and Harlingen.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

Happy Thanksgiving!

San Antonio Potluck: The next regularly scheduled potluck will be December 2.

Corpus Christi Bible Study and Brown Bag Social: Scheduled for December 2

Victoria Pot Luck and Bible Study: We have scheduled a potluck and Bible Study for December 30.