

**From the Pastor:**

Before leaving 1 Peter 1:23 I want to use this verse to illustrate a principle in the Greek language that has been mentioned before. 1 Peter 1:23 says, “Having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible...”

The Greek word for “corruptible” is the adjective “phthartos.” “Phthartos” according to Danker’s Lexicon means “subject to decay/destruction, perishable.”

The Greek word for “incorruptible” (another adjective) is the same Greek root word with the prefix “a” added – “aphthartos.” “Aphthartos” as defined by Danker’s means “pertaining to imperviousness to corruption and death, imperishable...” In other words, “aphthartos” means not subject to decay/destruction.

We see this also in 1 Corinthians 15:53 which reads, “For this corruptible must put on incorruption...” Here “corruptible” is the same adjective “phthartos.” Whereas “incorruption” (Greek “aphtharsia”) comes from the noun form of the adjective and means (according to Danker’s) “the state of not being subject to decay...”

Whenever the prefix “a” is added to a root word the resulting word generally has the opposite meaning of the root word.

Human beings are corruptible. God is not. God is incorruptible. This is what Romans 1:23 is stating. “And changed the glory of the incorruptible [Greek “aphthartos”] God into an image made like corruptible [Greek “phthartos”] man...”

Human beings are made of matter. We are flesh, blood, and bone. When we die, we are subject to decay. We will return to the earth from which we were made. And, as 1 Corinthians 15:50 records, “Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption [Greek feminine noun “phthora”] inherit incorruption [Greek feminine noun “aphtharsia”]” we must undergo a change from being made of matter to being composed of spirit.

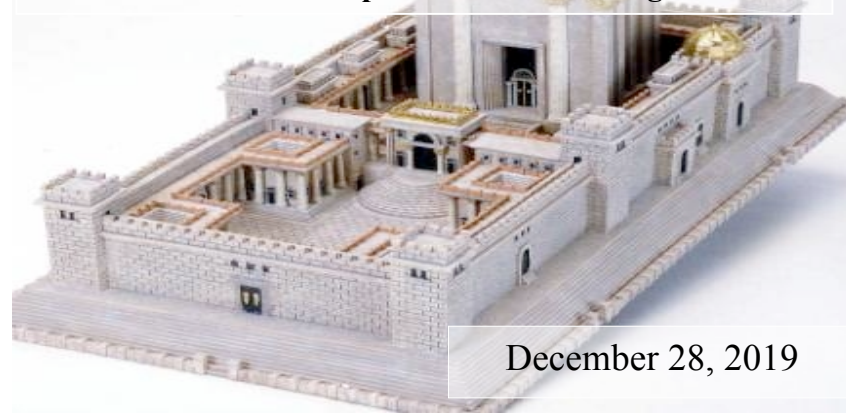
God is spirit (John 4:24). When we inherit incorruption we will become incorruptible spirit just like God. We will inherit life on the God-plane level of life.

Not being corruptible anymore does not (by itself) prove that we will be like God; but, the rest of 1 Corinthians 15:53 does. We will cover that next time.

	<b>Victoria</b>	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>Harlingen</b>
Sunset Today in:	5:38pm	5:42pm	5:47pm
Sunset Friday 1-3	5:42pm	5:46pm	5:51pm

# Church of God South Texas

Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



December 28, 2019

## Victoria

Sermon: Jim Chapman

## Corpus Christi

Sermon: Services from WFW

## Harlingen

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“Without counsel, plans go awry, but in the multitude of counselors they are established.”

Proverbs 15:22

## Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 12-28	Regular times and locations for all congregations.
Sabbath 1-4	Regular times and locations for all congregations. Mr. Moody will be in Victoria and San Antonio. Mr. Mendez will be in Corpus Christi and Harlingen.

### **FOUNDATION OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL**

Greetings from McKinney, Texas!

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 countries 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](mailto:doug.horchak@cogwa.org).

### **Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember**

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