

***From the Pastor***

Paul in his various letters (epistles) to the churches invariably in his introductory remarks uses the words:

“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Romans 1:7, “To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints; Grace to you...”

1 Corinthians 1:2-3, “To the church of God which is at Corinth...Grace to you...”

2 Corinthians 1:1-2, “Paul, an apostle...to the church of God which is at Corinth...Grace to you...”

Galatians 1:2-3, “To the churches of Galatia: Grace to you...”

Ephesians 1:1-2, “Paul, an apostle...to the saints who are in Ephesus...Grace to you...”

Philippians 1:1-2, “Paul and Timothy...to all the saints...in Philippi...Grace to you...”

Colossians 1:1-2, “Paul, an apostle...to the saints...in Colosse...Grace to you...”

1 Thessalonians 1:1, “Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you...”

2 Thessalonians 1:1-2, “Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you...” Paul uses the exact same wording for the two letters.

1 Timothy 1:1-2, “Paul, an apostle...to Timothy, my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.” Paul here in his letter to Timothy changed the wording of his standard greeting slightly.

2 Timothy 1:1-2, “Paul, an apostle...to Timothy, my beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.” Again, Paul changed the wording slightly.

Titus 1:4, “To Titus, my true son in our common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.” Here we see another slight wording change.

Philemon 1-3, “Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus... to Philemon...Grace to you...” Paul again uses his standard wording.

We don’t find this standard greeting of Paul in Hebrews, but we believe Paul wrote the letter. But, in all of the other letters Paul mentions both God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Doesn’t this seem strange to leave one person out of this greeting if the Holy Spirit is indeed a coequal person in the Godhead?

The point is: Neither the apostles nor the early church viewed the Holy Spirit as a person (a being) in the Godhead. They understood that Holy Spirit is the power the members of the Godhead (the Father and the Son) use to do whatever they do.

	<b>Victoria</b>	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>Harlingen</b>
Sunset Today in:	8:22pm	8:21pm	8:20pm
Sunset Friday 6-23	8:25pm	8:24pm	8:22pm



**Victoria**

*Sermon:* Steve Moody

**Corpus Christi**

*Split Sermon:* Mark Monsivais

*Split Sermon:* Arnold Mendez

**Harlingen**

*Sermonette:* Michael Watts

*Sermon:* Arnold Mendez

“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.”

1 John 5:14-15

## Announcements and Schedule

<b>Sabbath 6/17</b>	Regular times and locations for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen, & Victoria.
<b>Sabbath 6/24</b>	Regular times and locations for all congregations. Mr. Moody will be in Corpus Christi. Mr. Gatley will be in San Antonio. Mr. Chapman will be in Victoria. There will be a DVD sermon in Harlingen.

### 2017 Camp Applications

#### Camp Carter:

##### Dates:

July 2-9, 2017

Staff arrives July 1

#### From Joel Meeker:

### Additional Openings for the Feast of Tabernacles in Orford, Québec

All Canadian members have now been accommodated for this small site, so we are able to open the Orford, Québec, site for additional transfers from other countries. Interested members may now register for Orford by clicking on the registration link at <http://feast.cogwa.org> or by going directly to the COGWA portal at <https://portal.cogwa.org/acct/>.

### Friday Night Live

Join us this Friday evening, June 16, for our “Friday Night Live” webcast Bible study, which will begin at 8 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (7 p.m. Central, 6 p.m. Mountain and 5 p.m. Pacific).

This month’s study, presented by Britton Taylor, is titled “So You Want to Be a Bishop?” If you’ve ever thought you might like to be a minister, you have desired a good work. This modern era requires us to look to the future and prepare for the next generation of the Church. This FNL will examine the role, attitude and responsibility of the future leadership of the Church. The fields are ripe for harvest—are you prepared to be a tool in God’s hand? Join Mr. Taylor at 8 p.m. Eastern time this Friday, June 16, for “Friday Night Live” to look at what God says about Church leadership. That’s this Friday on Friday Night Live!

All FNL messages can be accessed by using the "Archive" link.

## Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

**San Antonio Potluck:** The next regularly scheduled potluck is July 1.

**Victoria Potluck and Bible Study:** We have scheduled a potluck and Bible Study for July 29. I would like to do this once a quarter.