

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 6/2	Regular times and locations for all congregations.
Sabbath 6/9	Regular times and locations for all congregations. Mr. Moody will be in Corpus Christi. Mr. Hendren will be in San Antonio. Mr. Chapman will be in Victoria. Mr. Watts will deliver the sermon in Harlingen

Festival Assistance: If anyone is in need of festival assistance this year for the Feast of Tabernacles, please see Mr. Moody if you are in the Corpus Christi congregation or Mr. Mendez if you are in the Harlingen congregation.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

Pot Luck and Bible Study in Corpus Christi:

Date: June 10, 2018 Time: 12:30 p.m.

Location: Jay & Sue Hensley's home, 136 County Road 326, Mathis, TX
Jay and Sue will provide meats and drinks. The rest of us: please bring sides, desserts, breads. Please give or send any Bible questions to Mr. Moody (steve.moody@cogwa.org)

Pot Luck and Bible Study in Victoria: Date: June 30, 2018

Camp Lone Star Pre-teen camp: June 10-13 Arnold and Janie Mendez will be coordinating Arts & Crafts. Please pray for God's blessing on the camp.

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	8:22pm	8:21pm	8:19pm
Sunset Friday 6-8	8:25pm	8:23pm	8:22pm

Church of God South Texas

Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



June 2, 2018

Victoria

Sermon: Steve Moody

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: None

Sermon: Arnold Mendez

Harlingen

Split Sermon: Mark Monsivais

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“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing [Greek – “orthotomeo” a carpentry term meaning “to cut straight.” Therefore to handle accurately or correctly”] the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

From the Pastor

Following Jesus' words about entering in through the narrow gate and traveling the difficult way, He warned His disciples to "Beware of false prophets." This passage is found in Matthew 7:15-20. The passage primarily speaks of identifying those false prophets by their fruit. The final verse in the passage reads, "Therefore by their fruit you will know them."

The question that arises is: "What kind of fruit?"

The last two passages of Christ's Sermon on the Mount have basically the same message. However, we will cover each separately.

The next passage is found in Matthew 7:21-23:

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"

There is far more to being a Christian than just looking religious or doing certain things. In other words, there is more to being a Christian than just the outward appearance and keeping the letter of God's laws. To become a son or daughter of God involves a real change of heart. This is what real repentance is. We must learn to grow in all the qualities of God's kind of love. This is what "having the life/mind of Christ in us" means (Philippians 2:5; Colossians 3:4; 2 Corinthians 4:10).

Jesus was not motivated by lust or pride. He also did not have any exalted opinion of His own importance. He always magnified and elevated His Father in the eyes of His disciples. Jesus understood the responsibility the Father had given Him and spoke of it. But, even then He was thinking of His Father.

John 14:6 records, "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'" John 1:4 shows that Jesus Christ's life illuminates the path on which we are to walk.

John 14:24 reads, "He who does not love Me does not keep My words;

and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me."

John 14 28, 31 "I am going to the Father, for My Father is greater than I...But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment so I do..." Jesus always obeyed the words of His Father from His heart. Is that what we seek to do?

There are those who use Christ's name, taut their own accomplishments, and speak of (what appear on the surface to be) laudable goals. But, Jesus said, "I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness." We must live by God's laws from the heart—in letter and spirit.

The key is: Do we have a real love for God? Or, are we motivated by self-love and seeking the praise and adoration of men? Real love for God is having a deep respect for His words in letter and spirit (1 John 5:1-3).

Paul speaks of this approach in 2 Timothy 3:2-5 where he says such people "will be lovers of themselves...having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!"

Jesus said that those who will enter the kingdom of heaven will be those who do "the will of My Father in heaven."