

From the Pastor

We have given many scriptures which show that 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 that the members of the Godhead (the Father and the Son) use to do whatever they do.

One of the passages that shows this relationship (a family of two beings and their power) is in 2 Peter 1:2-4. This passage expresses what God through His Spirit does for us.

2 Peter 1:2 “Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.” We see here that Peter also when speaking of the members of the Godhead refers to only God (the Father) and Jesus our Lord.

In verse 3-4 Peter then mentions what God through His Spirit does for us though he doesn’t use the term Holy Spirit. Peter only refers to God’s divine power. And, what does that power do for us? “as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

God’s divine power has given us (revealed to us) “all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him...”

How does God reveal to us the knowledge of life and godliness? How do we understand God’s exceedingly great and precious promises? How do we understand that God has called us to be actual partakers of His divine nature? And, what power enables us to escape the corruption that is in this world?

All of this is given to us and made possible by the incredible power that God gives us through His Holy Spirit.

John recorded in John 16:12-13 “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when it [as the translation should read], the Spirit of Truth, has come, it will guide you into all truth; for it will not speak on its own [“authority” not in the Greek], but whatever it hears it will speak; and it will tell you things to come.”

Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 2:9-10, “But as it is written: Eye has not seen nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love him. But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.”

By the power of His Spirit, God reveals to our minds the awesome future in store for us—that we are to be partakers of the divine nature—to become actual son and daughters of God! It is God that gives us this knowledge and understanding. He does this by the power of His Spirit.

We will cover more next time.

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	8:30pm	8:28pm	8:26pm
Sunset Friday 7-7	8:30pm	8:29pm	8:27pm

Church of God South Texas

Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



June 24, 2017

Victoria

Sermon: Jim Chapman

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: Arnold Mendez

Sermon: Steve Moody

Harlingen

Sermonette: Orlando Mascorro

Sermon: DVD

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”

John 14:26

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 6/24	Regular times and locations for Corpus Christi, Harlingen, & Victoria. San Antonio will meet at the regular time, but they will meet in the main Auditorium.
Sabbath 7/1	Regular times and locations for all congregations. Mr. Moody will be in Victoria and San Antonio. Mr. Mendez will be in Corpus Christi and in Harlingen.

2017 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/>.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

San Antonio Potluck: The next regularly scheduled potluck is July 1. It will be a “brown bag” social. In other words, everyone should bring what you and your family will eat. We will enjoy the time of fellowship together.

San Antonio Church Activity:

Missions Baseball Game
June 25 at 2:00 p.m.
Nelson W. Wolff Municipal Stadium
5757 U.S. 90 Access Road
San Antonio, TX

There will be a special promotion for kids that day. The first (so many)

kids who arrive at the ballpark will receive a free gift. If you have kids come early.

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.

Corpus Christ Brown Bag Social and Bible Study: We have scheduled a brown bag social and Bible Study for the Sabbath of July 29th.