

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 6/30	Regular times and locations for all congregations.
Sabbath 7/7	Regular times and locations for all congregations. Mr. Moody will be in San Antonio. There will be a DVD in Corpus Christi and Victoria. Mr. Horchak and Mr. Mendez will be giving split sermons in Harlingen.

Updates

Horchak Visit: On July 6th – 8th Arnold and Janie Mendez will be hosting Doug and Tanya Horchak for a Sabbath/Weekend visit. On Friday July 6th there will be a BBQ cookout at the Mendez Home at 6:30 PM, all are invited to attend and fellowship. On the Sabbath of July 7th the Horchaks will visit the Harlingen TX congregation. After Sabbath services we will have a catered Mexican Dinner at the home of Michael Watts, once again all are welcomed to attend.

Wedding of Michael Watts: Michael Watts and Ana Cecilia Tavara Olavarria will be married after the Sabbath on June 30 in Lima Peru. Arnold Mendez will officiate and will be accompanied by Janie on the trip to Peru. Please pray for the safe travel of all involved and for God's blessing on the activities.

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	8:30pm	8:29pm	8:27pm
Sunset Friday 7-6	8:30pm	8:29pm	8:28pm

Church of God South Texas

Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



June 30, 2018

Victoria

Sermon: Steve Moody

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: DVD

Sermon: DVD

Harlingen

Sermonette: Orlando Mascorro

Sermon: DVD

“For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father’s, and of the holy angels.”

Luke 9:26

From the Pastor:

Last week we covered the understanding that Paul apparently sent the letters he had written which God wanted preserved as Scripture to Peter by Mark. Along with those letters which were 13 in number (14 if Paul was the author of Hebrews) Paul most likely sent the works of Luke since Luke was Paul's constant companion. Remember in 2 Timothy 4:11 Paul said, "Only Luke is with me..." The works of Luke would have been the Gospel according to Luke and the book of Acts.

We believe Peter was the individual to whom was given the responsibility of seeing that those materials which God wanted preserved were indeed preserved up to that time. We feel safe in assuming this from what Paul wrote in 2 Timothy. Again, we believe Paul sent his letters and Luke's works to Peter in order for him to fulfill his responsibility of compiling and preserving those materials which God wanted preserved as Holy Scripture.

We believe what Peter wrote in 2 Peter 1:12-15 supports this understanding:

"Therefore I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know them, and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease."

Peter knew he was going to die so he viewed his work of compiling and preserving the material written by God's servants at that time as an important duty. He would "be careful to ensure" that the people of God would "always have a reminder of these things" after his death.

We can only assume that Peter had a copy of Matthew's gospel. Mark was with Peter so Peter would have had a copy of Mark's gospel. Mark's gospel may well have been Peter's recollections. Further, Peter would obviously have copies of his own letters.

All that is left of the works of the New Testament scriptures are the letters of James, Jude, the Gospel of John, John's letters and the Revelation.

Most of what is left are the works of the apostle John. We believe John's

works were written during the last decade of the first century A.D. (or, today C.E.). Jude may have been written after the destruction of the temple in 70 A.D. Therefore, John would have compiled and preserved it.

The death of James is disputed. However, all dates given are before 70 A.D. Therefore, it may have been sent to Peter for preservation. How Peter got the work he had done to John is not stated or alluded to in scripture.

Regardless, the apostle John was the last of the original apostles to die. We believe he completed the compilation and preservation of the New Testament Scriptures.

As we quoted last time from the JFB Commentary "In the oldest MSS [manuscripts] of the New Testament extant, they [the General Epistles] stand before the Epistles of Paul." We will address why this may be next time.