

**From the Pastor**

We are to be using the power of God's Holy Spirit to change—truly repent to become like Jesus Christ in character—which is a lifetime process. Ephesians 4:20-24 gives an overview of the changes that God wants to see us making.

“But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in righteousness and true holiness.”

Once we receive God's Holy Spirit in us (John 14:17; Acts 2:38) we are to use God's Spirit to become conformed to the image of God's Son (Romans 8:29).

We will begin another series of “personals” that will cover material from what is called “The Sermon on the Mount.”

Matthews account is the most extensive of these teachings that Jesus gave to His disciples. As we read in Matthew 5:1 this teaching was not to the multitudes. “And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him.”

The purpose of this “sermon” was to give His disciples fundamental basic attitudes that a Christian (a follower of Jesus Christ) should have. Jesus also does this by magnifying the laws of God (expanding—adding to the law of God) by showing examples of the spiritual intent of the law. The spirit of the law of God reveals the mind of God—the qualities of God's love that we must have growing in us in order to inherit spirit eternal immortal life in the family of God.

The material of this “sermon” is covered most extensively in Matthew's gospel. The material is found in Matthew 5, 6, and 7. Luke's gospel covers this material in a much shorter space in Luke 6:20-49. Mark's and John's gospels do not specifically cover this teaching though obviously the spiritual principles of Jesus' teaching are found in both.

A couple examples: (1) Matthew 5:4 records, “Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.” John 16:20 records, “Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned to joy.” (2) Matthew 5:13 records, “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.” Mark 9:50 records, “Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another.”

In the future we will cover the “Beatitudes” and other teachings of this important message.

	<b>Victoria</b>	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>Harlingen</b>
Sunset Today in:	8:25pm	8:24pm	8:23pm
Sunset Friday 7-28	8:22pm	8:21pm	8:20pm

# Church of God South Texas

Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



July 22, 2017

## Victoria

*Sermon:* DVD

## Corpus Christi

*Sermonette:* Mark Monsivais

*Sermon:* Steve Moody

## Harlingen

*Sermonette:* Michael Watts

*Sermon:* DVD

“For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure. The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.”

John 3:34-35

## Announcements and Schedule

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<b>Sabbath 7/22</b>	Regular times and locations for Corpus Christi, Victoria, Harlingen, and San Antonio.
<b>Sabbath 7/29</b>	Regular times and locations for all congregations. Mr. Moody will be in Victoria. Mr. Bill Palmer will be in San Antonio. Mr. Mendez will be in Corpus Christi and Harlingen.

**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/>.

### **Birth Announcement**

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**Ashcraft Family:** Congratulations to Paul and Joscelyn Ashcraft of the Houston congregation on the birth of twins. Boy-Carter Shepard, Girl-Feraday Elizabeth, both babies weighed 4 ½ pounds and were born Wednesday evening July 19<sup>th</sup>. Their grandmother Jeanie Ashcraft is a member of the Corpus Christi congregation. All are doing well.

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

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**San Antonio Potluck:** The next regularly scheduled potluck will be August 5.

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

**Harlingen Bible Study and Potluck:** On the Sabbath of July 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a Bible Study followed by a potluck in Harlingen TX.

**Corpus Christi Bible Study and Brown Bag Social:** On the Sabbath of July 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a Bible Study followed by a brown bag social in Corpus Christi TX.