

From the Pastor

There is a familiar passage in Matthew 7:13-14. It reads, “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

Humanly speaking we like it when all things in life run smoothly—when there are no difficulties—no causes of stress—no source of trials. But, as we read and study the Scriptures we see that life is not always going to be easy. There is an important reason for that truth. And, that truth is based on why we exist—why we are alive.

We know that God created human life (us) because He wants a family of sons and daughters. He is offering us life on His level of life—the God-plane level of life—possessing the full power of a member of the God family. Please let that sink in and register in the mind.

Remember we are to become just like Jesus Christ. John wrote, “Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.” (1 John 3:2) Jesus Christ possesses great power. He did the awesome work of creating this vast universe (John 1:3; Ephesians 3:9; Hebrews 1:2). In Colossians 2:9 Paul explains, “For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.” Jesus Christ is endowed with the full power of the Godhead—and so will we be when we become the sons or daughters of God.

In offering us eternal life on the God-plane level of life, God is offering us a gift that is beyond words to describe.

With whom can He entrust such an awesome gift?

Our Father wants to see whether the qualities and standards of His way of life are truly important to us. Will we humbly seek to live according to His ways only when times are easy? Will we compromise with His laws that define His character of love when times are difficult? Or, will we remain faithful no matter what we face because we truly want His ways—will we truly love Him?

Remaining faithful despite hard times and trials shows God we have truly put seeking His kingdom and righteousness first.

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	8:10pm	8:09pm	8:09pm
Sunset Friday 8-19	8:04pm	8:04pm	8:04pm

Church of God South Texas

Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



August 13, 2016

Victoria

Sermon: Steve Moody

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: Arnold Mendez

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Harlingen

Sermonette: Orlando Mascorro

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“All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and he to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.”

Matthew 11:27

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 8/13	Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen, and Victoria.
Sabbath 8/20	Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, San Antonio and Victoria. Mr. David Treybig will be in San Antonio. Mr. Jim Chapman will be in Victoria. Mr. Moody will be in Corpus Christi. Mr. Gonzalez will present the sermon in Harlingen.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

San Antonio Potluck: September 3, 2016

Larry and Judy Salyer Visit: On the Sabbath of August 27, Mr. Larry Salyer, a member of the Ministerial Board of Directors, and his wife Judy will visit the Harlingen and Corpus Christi congregations. After Sabbath services the members will meet at the Home of Arnold and Janie Mendez for a covered dish social. This will allow us time to fellowship with the Salyer's. Please see Janie Mendez or Tina Hernandez and let them know what you will be bringing, or for a food assignment.