

**From the Pastor:**

The verses of 1 Peter 1:4-5 are a continuation of the sentence that Peter began in verse 3. Verses 3-5 read, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

God has called us to receive an incorruptible inheritance that is undefiled and does not fade away. These verses say a great deal which will take more than one personal to cover.

First, God has called us to an inheritance. What is that inheritance? God the Father has called us to become His very sons and daughters. “Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you. And you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” (2 Corinthians 6:17-18)

This is God the Father’s purpose as Paul explained in Ephesians 1:11, “in whom [in Jesus Christ v. 10] also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will...” God’s plan and purpose from the beginning of humankind was to have a family of sons and daughters of His own kind. According to His own will He is working out that purpose.

Paul explained that we are to become joint heirs with Jesus Christ. “The Spirit [Itself] bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God, and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ...” Our inheritance is to inherit, not only, all that Jesus Christ has [which is all things – Hebrews 1:2], but also, all that He is [we are to become just like Him – 1 John 3:1-2]. These words can be read and understood intellectually; but, they need to be meditated on so that they sink into our hearts. This is what our Father is doing.

Secondly, this inheritance is an incorruptible inheritance. This means it will not deteriorate with time. It is an eternal inheritance (Hebrews 9:15). Incorruptible is translated from the Greek word “aphthartos” which is a compound word consisting of the negative particle “a” and “phthartos” [the adjective – a derivative of the verb “phtheiro” which means “to corrupt or destroy”]. The negative particle [prefix] “a” indicates the meaning to be the opposite of the root word. So aphthartos means “NOT liable to corruption or decay, imperishable.”

We see these two words [phthartos and aphthartos] used in 1 Corinthians 15:53, “For this corruptible [phthartos] must put on incorruption [aphtharsia – the noun form of the adjective aphthartos]...” When we are changed in the resurrection from flesh and blood to eternal spirit, we will no longer be corruptible; but, we will become incorruptible like God.

Please let that sink in: When we receive our eternal inheritance we will be made incorruptible. We will become just like God who is incorruptible as Paul explained in Romans 1:23, “And changed the glory of the incorruptible [aphthartos] God into an image made like corruptible [phthartos] man...”

This is our incorruptible inheritance – to become a member of the God family. This is the end result of the purpose God is working out according to the counsel of His own will.

	<b>Victoria</b>	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>Harlingen</b>
Sunset Today in:	7:36pm	7:36pm	7:37pm
Sunset Friday 9-20	7:28pm	7:29pm	7:31pm

# Church of God South Texas

## Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



September 14, 2019

### Victoria

Sermon: David Gatley

### Corpus Christi

Sermonette: Gabriel Dempsey  
Sermon: Steve Moody

### Harlingen

Sermonette: Michael Watts  
Sermon: Arnold Mendez

“The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.” (The Holy Scriptures by the Jewish Publication Society – JPS)

Proverbs 14:27

## Announcements and Schedule

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<b>Sabbath 9/14</b>	Regular times and locations for all congregations.
<b>Sabbath 9/21</b>	Regular times and locations for all congregations. Mr. Moody will be in San Antonio and Victoria. Mr. Bill Palmer will be in Corpus Christi. Mr. Mendez will be in Harlingen.

### From Jim Franks:

As you know, Hurricane Dorian recently tore through the Caribbean and then up the East Coast of the U.S., all the way to Newfoundland in Canada. There was widespread damage and loss of life. There are still more than 2,000 people missing in the Bahamas.

Several have inquired about donating to help the brethren in the areas that were most affected. They have asked if we have a special fund to help the victims of Hurricane Dorian.

In COGWA, we have a standard International Fund that was begun several years ago in the wake of the typhoon that struck the Philippines. It is more efficient for us to maintain one central fund to assist the brethren whenever there is a storm or other natural disaster, rather than setting up unique, restricted funds after each incident. Most recently, we sent funds to Kenya to help the brethren there in wake of a severe drought that has led to food shortages.

If you would like to make a donation specifically for areas outside the U.S. that have special needs, such as those affected by Hurricane Dorian, you may send donations to the "International Fund," and they will be used to assist our brethren whenever we have these disasters. You can donate online by using the drop-down menu on COGWA's donation page and selecting the entry for "International Fund." Or you may send checks to the regular COGWA donation address and designate on your check that the funds are to go to the "International Fund."

Thank you for your generosity and desire to help the brethren from around the world.

### Bahama Update from Doug Horchak in In Accord:

In this week's In Accord Mr. Horchak will give an update on the Bahama brethren.

## Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

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**San Antonio Pot Luck:** The next potluck will be on November 2.

**Feast of Trumpets:** Monday, September 30, 2019: The Harlingen church will combine with the Corpus Christi Church. Services will be at 1 pm with a potluck to follow.

**Day of Atonement: Wednesday, October 9, 2019**