

From the Pastor:

Continuing with the discussion of 1 Peter 1:4-5 which we began last time. Verses 4-5 read, “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.”

Last time we explained the incorruptible inheritance to which God has called us. That inheritance is said to be “undefiled” and which “does not fade away.”

The Greek words for “undefiled” and “does not fade away” are both compound words that begin with the prefix “a” the meaning of which we explained last time. Remember the negative particle [prefix] “a” indicates the meaning to be the opposite of the root word to which it is attached.

The Greek word translated “undefiled” is “amiantos.” “Amiantos” is a compound word consisting of the prefix “a” and a derivative of the verb “miaino” which according to Danker’s Lexicon means “to cause something to be ritually impure, stain, defile.” “Amiantos” according to Danker’s means simply “pure” or “undefiled.” The OBGL defines “amiantos” as “unspotted” and describes it as “that which is far removed from every kind of contamination.” Therefore, our incorruptible inheritance has no trace of any stain of evil. It is totally pure as we will be when we receive our inheritance.

Our inheritance will also “not fade away.” This phrase is from the Greek word “amarantos.” “Amarantos” is a compound word consisting of the prefix “a” and a derivative of the verb “maraino” which according to Danker’s Lexicon means “to disappear gradually, die out, fade, disappear, wither of plants.” According to Danker’s “amarantos” means “pertains to not losing pristine quality or character, unfading.” Therefore, our incorruptible inheritance will not change – will not lose its purity – its pristine nature with time (or, in eternity). This is an awesome gift from God that God will give to all who become His own children.

This awesome inheritance is “reserved in heaven” for us. Reserve is from the Greek “tereo.” From Danker’s “tereo” means “to cause a state, condition, or activity to continue, keep, hold, reserve, preserve someone or something.” Therefore, our inheritance is waiting for us which Jesus will bring with Him when He returns (Matthew 16:27; Revelation 11:18).

All who will continue to live by faith in God by using the power of God (God’s Holy Spirit) will receive the end result of their faith – their salvation – becoming a member of the family of God when Jesus returns (in the last time). It’s good to read these verses and meditate on what they say. They reveal an incredible promise from God to all who will seek to live as He reveals of His own will.

Church of God South Texas

Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



September 21, 2019

Victoria

Sermon: Steve Moody

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: Mark Monsivais

Sermon: Bill Palmer

Harlingen

Sermonette: In Accord

Sermon: DVD

“He that is slow to anger is of great understanding; but he that is hasty of spirit exalts folly.” (The Holy Scriptures by the Jewish Publication Society – JPS)

Proverbs 14:29

| | Victoria | Corpus Christi | Harlingen |
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| Sunset Today in: | 7:27pm | 7:28pm | 7:30pm |
| Sunset Friday 9-27 | 7:20pm | 7:21pm | 7:23pm |

Announcements and Schedule

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| Sabbath 9/21 | Regular times and locations for all congregations. |
| Sabbath 9/28 | Regular times and locations for all congregations. Mr. Moody will be in Corpus Christi will be in Corpus Christi. Mr. Mendez will be in Harlingen. |
| Trumpets 9/30 | One service at 10:00 a.m. in Victoria at the regular location. Two services in San Antonio at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. One service at 1:00 p.m. combined with Harlingen in Corpus Christi at the regular location. |

From Joel Meeker, regional director for French-speaking areas:

The French Feast of Tabernacles site 2019 is located in beautiful Montagnac (pronounced Montanyack). Situated in forested hills a few miles from the Mediterranean Sea coast, the VVF resort colony is reserved solely for our Festival group. For one low price, Festival attendees enjoy room and three meals a day, including wine with lunch and dinner. Walk from your apartment to church services, meals and activities. This is a particularly family-friendly site.

As is often the case with European Feast sites, we have contracted minimums for rooms and meals—as such, we could use a few more visitors in France this year!

If you have not confirmed your plans yet for an international Feast site, please consider transferring to France. Airfares are low and the U.S. dollar is very strong against the Euro, so this will be an excellent year to travel.

Find more information on the COGWA Festival website. Merci!

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.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

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

Feast of Trumpets: Monday, September 30, 2019: Corpus Christi one service at 1:00 p.m. combined with Harlingen in Corpus Christi at the regular location with potluck to follow.

Day of Atonement: Wednesday, October 9, 2019