

# Chesswood Baptist Church

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**MINISTRY OF THE WORD**  
**IN THE LAST DAYS PERILOUS TIMES SHALL COME**  
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**SCRIPTURE READING: 2 TIMOTHY 3:1-11**

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## 1. BACKGROUND

Refer to the Evening message June 9, 2019

## 2. INTRODUCTION

- a. On several previous occasions we have spoke from **2 Timothy chapter 1** and **2 Timothy chapter 4**, so it is fitting that we now study **2 Timothy chapter 3**.
- b. If I were to take this chapter, I could write the headlines tomorrow morning for either the Houston Chronicle or the New York Times.
- c. The Apostle Paul is on track when he speaks of the last days and what will happen.
- d. If you stay with me today you will glean as to where we are currently living.
- e. Of the nineteen things that Paul points out to us that are indicative of the last days, I have never seen a time where these have come together and are being fulfilled as we have before us today.
- f. Paul warns against apostasy in **Acts 20:29-31**, "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. **30:** Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. **31:** Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears."
- g. These men have certainly arrived in our day with a boldness to change the PreservedWord of God and to lead people astray. **2 Corinthians 2:17**, For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.
- h. There is much confusion among the Body of Christ today; we are divided on doctrinal issues, instructions in righteousness, and in so many different ways until there is no wonder the devil can get a foot-hold and not allow us to accomplish God's will as He has so stated. To complicate matters further we have at least 160 different copy rights of the so call bible on the market today. Men tells us that they all say the same thing, so why worry? God says his word is inspired and Preserved for every generation. **2 Corinthians 2:17**, For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.  
**1Corinthians 14:33**, For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. **Psalms 12:6-7**, The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. **7**, Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.
- i. We will be looking at **2 Timothy 3:16** later on where it says, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:"
- j. We must obtain our Church doctrine from the Preserved Word of God, The doctrine for the Church is contained in the books of Roman through Philemon penned by the Church spokesman who is none other than the apostle Paul. **1 Timothy 3:15**, "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."
- k. Paul sets forth a warning in 2 Timothy and in Titus he gives us a charge. **2 Timothy 4:3**, For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to

themselves teachers, having itching ears; **Titus 1:9**, Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. **Titus 2:1**, But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

- l. I hope Chesswood will open their hearts and minds, and listen not to your pastor, but to God's Word as we live in the last days.
- m. Paul's instructions are so fitting and timely because he is not only near death; he is giving this young preacher information that will sustain him and us during our journey through this life.  
**2 Timothy 4:6-7**, For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. **7**, I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: **8**, Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. **Psalms 23:4**, 'Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.'
- n. This chapter is so important, meaningful and so up to date.
- o. We have men and woman today who won't give out the Preserved Word of God, but they want to entice and influence the congregation. **Colossians 2:8**, Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.
- p. False teachers are among us; they will shear the sheep and cause them to scatter. **2 Timothy 4:3**, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;"
- q. Even in fundamental circles there is much derision and separation as to what the true preserved Word of God really is.  
I believe that God makes himself clear without a doubt in **Psalms 12:6-7**, The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. **7**, Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.
- r. With this introduction let's see if we can gain some knowledge of God's Word today.

### 3. SIX POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

- a. In the last days perilous times shall come.
  - 1. **2 Timothy 3:1**, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come."
  - 2. We will attempt to rightly divide the Word of Truth as the Apostle Paul has told us to do in **2 Timothy 2:15**, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."
  - 3. "The last days" is a technical term used in several places in the New Testament.
  - 4. When we rightly divide the Word it speaks of the New Testament Church and it's doctrine.
  - 5. The Church is the Bride of Christ that started on the day of Pentecost and will end with the rapture of the church.
  - 6. This term "the last days" is not the last days of the Nation of Israel which is mentioned several times in the Old Testament.
  - 7. In the Old Testament the last days are called "the end of the age" or "a time of the end."
  - 8. This refers to the Great Tribulation period.
  - 9. It is quite different from the last days of the Church which precedes the rapture of the Church, which is the Bride of Christ.
  - 10. Apostasy began with the Church in Paul's day and it is amazing that it has continued into our day.
  - 11. Paul emphatically tells us that perilous times shall come.
  - 12. When we dissect the term "perilous times" we see it means grievous times or desperate times are coming. **Amos 8:11**, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord:"
  - 13. This is indeed a stern warning to Christians; believers in the Lord Jesus Christ and who stand for the major doctrines of the faith.
  - 14. Some have believed for years that Christianity will eventually permeate the entire world and bring in the Millennium.
  - 15. This is a pipe dream and the Lord Jesus Christ has never taught us that.
  - 16. As a matter of fact. He did indicate to us that the wheat and tares will grow together.  
**Matthew 13:29-30**, "But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. **30**: Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will

say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn."

17. We must be very careful that we get our truth from the local Church which is the pillar and the ground of the truth. **1 Timothy 3:15**, "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."
18. The problem we have is many pastors and teachers refuse to teach the whole counsel of God and the average congregation is reluctant to hear it. **2 Timothy 4:3**, For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;
19. Here at Chesswood Baptist Church you will get the whole counsel of God, rightly divided.
20. There is no question that perilous times are here.
21. When we look back at history we find that many of these things have been fulfilled and already exist; but there has never been a time when they have all come together as they are today.
22. We do not know when Jesus is coming back and we cannot try to speculate on this aspect of God's Word in which is silent. **Matthew 24:36**, But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. **Mark 13:32**, But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.
23. However, it is evident that the world is waxing worse and worse.

**b. For men shall be lovers of their own selves.**

1. **2 Timothy 3:2-4**, "For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, **3**: Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, **4**: Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;"
2. We have just read nineteen different phrases Paul uses to describe the last days.
3. To keep this message from being extremely long, let's abbreviate our comments concerning them and you can do the additional research as your heart desires.
4. "Lovers of their own selves" -Me, myself and I.
  - a. This is very evident in our culture today.
  - b. I do believe we should pay attention to ourselves before attempting to straighten out others. **Matthew 7:3**, "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"
  - c. However, this self love exists beyond what the Preserved Word of God says it should be.
5. Notice the word "covetous," - it means lover of money.
  - a. We are in a day where there is an obsessive love for money.
  - b. **1 Timothy 6:10** tells us, "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."
  - c. There is nothing bad about money or the acquisition of wealth as long as we use it to the glory of God.
6. "Boasters" - simply means proud men and women walking like peacocks and knowing full well they have the world in their hands; there is a total disregard for the Preserved Word of God.
7. Now notice the word "proud."
  - a. This means haughtiness; a haughty spirit, an exalted attitude. **Proverbs 16:18**, "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall."
  - b. I am so thankful that our slogan here at Chesswood is "Where everybody is somebody."
  - c. Nobody is to be elevated above anybody else in this congregation.
8. "Blasphemers" - where everybody has a nose problem; people are attempting to manage the affairs of others and become extremely critical where they are not allowed to do so.
  - a. They can comment on and tell you all the details of someone's business.
  - b. I found out a long time ago that to take care of my own business is a full time job.
9. "Disobedient to parents" - if you have your eyes open you can see this is very self evident today.
  - a. We have kids raising kids, and parents making excuses for their children's wrongful actions.
  - b. The book of Ephesians sets forth a blue print for a stable family. **Ephesians 5:21-22**,

Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. **22**, Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. **Ephesians 5:25**, Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; **Ephesians 6:1**, Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

10. **"Unthankful"** - many people receive kindness from others without even the thought of returning a simple thank you.
11. **"Unholy"** - This is nothing more than profane men and women who think they can explore the Greek and Hebrew and go above and beyond the Preserved Word of God.
  - a. This is unholy men trying to undo what holy men have done.
  - b. **2 Peter 1:21**, *"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."*
12. **"Without natural affection,"** - means abnormal relationships.
  - a. We live in a time where we accept homosexuality, same sex marriage and other things that God said are an abomination. **Romans 1:24**, Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: **26**, For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: **28**, And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;
  - b. Humanity has sunk to a very, very low level.
13. **"Trucebreakers"** - It appears today that your word does not mean very much.
14. **"False accusers"** - people who will develop lies in order to get their way.
  - a. Sadly, this not only applies in Caesar's world but is very much in the church of the Living God.
15. **"Incontinent"** - means without self control.
  - a. In our contemporary society, there is a slogan: "If it makes you feel good - do it."
  - b. This is contrary to God's Word.
16. **"Fierce"** - means savage. People are so on edge until they are ready to fight on any occasion. Violence everywhere is the order of the day. Innocent lives are taken for no reason at all.
17. **"Despisers of those that are good"** - These are haters of the truth.
  - a. They hate Christians.
  - b. Notice what God says about that in **2 Timothy 3:12**, *"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."*
18. **"Traitors"** - People who you dare not trust in any way, shape or form.
19. **"Heady"** - People who are reckless in their lives.
  - a. We are impatient in a microwave generation.
  - b. We want it now.
20. **"Highminded"** - blinded by pride; drunk with pride.
  - a. Even in our church we accept the new versions of Scriptures, and are so drunk with pride until we are slow to listen to the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.
21. **"Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God."** - Our generation works less and wants more pleasures.
  - a. Men and women have gone crazy over sports and entertainments. Even in the church emotion, entertainment and celebration is placed above the preaching and teaching of the Preserved Word of God. **1Colossians 1:21**, For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.
  - b. We are a pleasure-seeking generation.

c. **Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.**

1. **2 Timothy 3:5-6**, "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 6: *For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,"*
2. **This is number nineteen** in the list Paul has given us and I could not help to single it out and make it a separate unit.
3. There is a great deal of *"denying the power thereof."*
4. We go through rituals of religion, but it lacks life, vitality and reality.



5. There is a stern warning to faithful pastors, teachers and people who study the Preserved Word of God; we are to take a stand for God's Word, and not swerve or compromise His precious Word in any way.
6. A large number of false teachings and false doctrines start with women.
7. I am not trying in any way, to be derogatory. You know my stand on woman in this church. If it weren't for Godly women in this Church, there would be no Chesswood Baptist Church.
8. As Eve was deceived and led away; it is so easy for a woman to be misled.
9. We must be very, very careful in our day and time.

**d. Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.**

1. **2 Timothy 3:7, "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."**
2. There is not a good report for the majority of our seminaries.
3. I don't want to be unkind or untruthful because I have never been or attended a seminary.
4. However, I listen to very mature Christians who have been students of seminary schools.
5. They say it teaches you for the most part, how to deny the Preserved Word of God.
6. Men and women are so smart until they think they are elevated above God's Holy Word.  
**Romans 1:22, "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,"**
7. The Bible says we must be willing to sit a Jesus' feet and learn. **Matthew 5:6, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."** **Luke 10:40-42, But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. 10:41, And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: 10:42, But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.**

**e. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth.**

1. **2 Timothy 3:8-9, "Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. 9: But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was."**
2. Paul reaches back and gives us information that we have never had before.
3. Apparently these two magicians, who were called by Pharaoh, were called to duplicate the miracles.
4. In the **Book of Exodus**, these magicians were never named.
5. The Apostle Paul gives them a name.
6. Notice this verse says "men of corrupt minds,"
7. The Bible says we are to renew our minds; to have the mind of Christ.  
**Romans 12:2, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."**
8. Now we have men and women with their own mind.
9. "Reprobate concerning the faith." - We have depraved minds that are attempting to interpret truth.
10. When we get ready for a big revision of the Word of God, we call in various Bible Scholars from all different denominations.
11. Reprobate concerning the faith; they reject the Preserved Word of God.
12. In order to get the truth from God's Word, we must have the whole counsel of God.
13. We are in a time when natural men are trying to be super-duper and supernatural saints.  
**1 Corinthians 2:14, But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.**
14. Again, the Bible is plain when it says we need to sit at Jesus' feet and learn.
15. We have to understand that Satan is real, alive and well and he will deceive the very elect if we allow it. **Romans 7:24-25, O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? 25, I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.**
16. We must stay close to the Word of God in these last days.

**f. But thou have fully known my doctrine.**

1. **2 Timothy 3:10-11, "But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, 11: Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch,**

- at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me."
2. There is no question that the Apostle Paul dumps his heart to young Timothy and points him to the fact that the Lord must deliver us.
  3. We must not try in any way to run ahead of God.
  4. Paul is leading this young man to the cardinal truths of Scriptures and is also delivering them to us so we can have a road map for the future. **1Corinthians 11:1**, Be ye followers of me, even as I also *am* of Christ.
  5. Paul had endured many persecutions and afflictions, but he stayed with the Lord Jesus.
  6. He tells this man that he had fully known his doctrine. **John 7:17**, "*If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.*"
  7. Paul not only had the doctrine, but he had the life to go along with it.
  8. Christians are too jumpy today; we lose our joy too quickly.
- Nehemiah 8:10**, Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for *this* day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

- a. Do you know the Saviour today?
- b. If you do not know Jesus as your personal Saviour you will spend an eternity in Hell.
- c. If you do know Him as Saviour, you need to saturate your mind and heart with the Preserved Word of God; get into the meat of the Scriptures.
- d. Settle the fact that you know you have the true Preserved Word of God.
- e. Don't be deceived into the lie that it all says the same thing.
- f. There are no two or three Preserved Word's of God.
- g. There is only one true Preserved Word of God.
- h. Notice the devil used the Preserved Word of God; he misquoted it on several occasions.
- i. We cannot allow ourselves to fall into that trap; Salvation is too important.
- j. The Bible says in **Romans 3:23**, "*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*"
- k. **Matthew 11:28-29**, "*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29: Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*"
- l. Come to the side of the living Saviour today and be saved.
- m. Please stand.

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