

# Chesswood Baptist Church

Where Everybody is Somebody

Pastor Howard Daniel, Jr.

4357 US Hwy 59 South

P.O. Box 343

Livingston, Texas 77351

936-327-8870



## MINISTRY OF THE WORD AND NOW I AM NO MORE IN THE WORLD,...

PASTOR HOWARD DANIEL, JR

PSALM SUNDAY EVENING, APRIL 5, 2020

SCRIPTURE READING: **JOHN 17:11-26**

**John 17:11**, And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

### 1. BACKGROUND

- a. Our text today is from the **Gospel of John**. I take the position that John is the author of this book because all the other apostles were dead.
- b. It was possibly written close to A. D. 100.
- c. The **Gospel of John** was written primarily for believers. This book appears to be simple, yet it is very profound.
- d. John emphasizes both the Deity and the humanity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **John 1:11-12**, tells us, *He came unto His own, and his own received Him not. 12: But as many as received Him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on His name.*
- e. John uses some unique expressions. As an example, in **John 14:20** he says, *At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.* We know the term, "ye in me" means salvation; and "I in you" means sanctification.
- f. There is no question that John writes a spiritual Gospel and he leaves no stones unturned. John does not take us to Bethlehem, but to the beginning.
- g. The **Book of John** opens by saying *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* **John 1:1**
- h. "In the beginning" goes back as far as our minds can go and we will find Jesus there in eternity past.
- i. There is no question that the Lord Jesus was both human and Divine. John tells us in **John 1:3**, that *All things were made by Him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*
- j. In **John 1:14**, he tells us, *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.* John was speaking of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself coming to save mankind.
- k. The **Book of John** covers the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ more extensively than any other gospel writer.
- l. John gives us seven appearances of our Lord Jesus after His resurrection.
  1. The first and most dramatic appearance was to Mary Magdalene in the garden.
  2. The second appearance was to the disciples in the upper room, **Thomas being absent.**
  3. The third appearance was again to the disciples in the upper room when **Thomas was present.**
  4. The fourth appearance was by the Sea of Galilee.
  5. There were three other appearances by our Saviour as He showed Himself alive for forty days after His resurrection by many infallible proofs. **Acts 1:3**, To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:
- m. It was on the fortieth day that Jesus ascended into heaven and took His seat at the right hand of the Father. **Acts 1:11**, *Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen*

him go into heaven. **Acts 2:33**, Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

- n. He commissioned and prepared Simon Peter in his discourse in **John 21:15-17**, as He quizzed him about his love for Him. *So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. 16: He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. 17: He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.*
- o. Peter got the message. On the Day of Pentecost, he preached, and 3000 souls were saved. During a later message 5000 souls were saved.
- p. The Lord Jesus said in **John 8:12**, *Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.* In **John 14:6**, Jesus said, *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.* In **John 6:35**, Jesus speaks again, *And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.*
- q. John gives us the purpose of the writing of this particular book in **John 20:30-31**, when he says, *And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.*
- r. The **Gospel of John** leaves no stones unturned. We already know it is not by works of righteousness that we are saved. He emphatically tells Nikodemus it is not about religion. **John 3:3**, *Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*
- s. John tells us in no uncertain terms that Jesus is the way. Jesus is the one who went to the cross and died for our sins according to the Scriptures.
- t. The Deity of Christ is emphasized in this Gospel. It is considered the foreground; however, John has not lost sight of the humanity of Christ.
- u. It tells us our Lord was weary of His journey as He went through Samaria. It also tells us He wept which points out the fact of His humanity. **John 4:6**, *Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. **John 11:35**, Jesus wept.*
- v. The last thing I want to emphasize from this remarkable book is that **John 16:28**, says, I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.
- w. God became a man. This is a simple statement and a fact of the **Gospel of John**. **John 1:14**, And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
- x. A short brief on the themes in the **Book of John** are:
  1. God loves each of us so much that he gave us His son so that anyone believing in Jesus should not perish but shall have eternal life. **John 3:16**, *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*
  2. Miracles are given not only to heal, but also as a sign pointing to Jesus. **Mark 16:20**, *And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.*
  3. God expects us to love not only Him, but our neighbors also.
  4. Christ understands our hurts. He paid the supreme sacrifice to heal them. This healing involves the sin-sick soul. **Isaiah 53:5-6**, *But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. 6: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. **John 15:3**, *Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 1 Peter 2:24*, *Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.**
  5. The Holy Spirit gives us an eternal peace which the world cannot understand, cannot

manufacture, and cannot purchase. **Romans 5:1**, Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

## 2. INTRODUCTION

Refer to the Morning message April 5, 2020.

## 3. FOURTEEN POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

### J. And now I am no more in the world,

1. **John 17:11**, **And now I am no more in the world**, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.
2. Notice the two beautiful things Jesus talks about in this verse.
3. **"And now I am no more in the world."** - this prayer is prayed before Jesus goes to the cross to die for the sins of mankind. **When God wills it, it is considered already done. Romans 4:17**, (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.
4. He prays for us to be kept. We are kept by the Holy Spirit. **Romans 8:38-39**, For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, **39**: Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
5. When we are saved there is a seal placed upon us. A seal can only be broken by the one who has been given the authority to break it. **Ephesians 1:13**, In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,
6. No one can break the seal that has been placed on every born again believer; it is Jesus Christ who places that seal through the power of the Holy spirit. **Ephesians 4:30**, And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are **sealed** unto the day of redemption.
7. The second thing Jesus prays for is that we may be one.
8. Oneness is the church body is extremely important. **1 Corinthians 1:10**, Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.
9. If we have unity in the body of Christ our testimony before unbelievers will be unblemished. **Psalms 133:1**, Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!
10. The Preserved Word of God can go forth from the pulpit with power, simplicity and truth when we are all in one accord. **Philippians 2:2**, Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.
11. They also receive the angelic message and go to seek the disciples and are met by Jesus Christ Himself. **Matthew 28:8-10**, And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word. **9**: And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. **10**: Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

### k. ...I kept them in thy name:

1. **John 17:12**, While I was with them in the world, **I kept them in thy name**; those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.
2. All through this passage is eternal security.
3. Jesus keeps telling us that those who have come to Him, He has lost none. **John 18:9**, That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none.
4. We come to Jesus as a result of a free will.
5. He is very careful to tell us that Judas Iscariot was not in a backslidden condition he was lost. He singles Judas out because it fulfills prophecy.

### l. And now come I to thee;

1. **John 17:13**, **And now come I to thee**; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

2. What a beautiful verse.
3. Do you have the joy of the Lord, or are you one of those Christians who has a sour face all the time and nothing that God gives you can satisfy you?
4. I think that if we would remember that the joy of the Lord is our strength as we walk through this life, we would do well. **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.*
5. He wants us to have His joy. **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** *Rejoice evermore. 17: Pray without ceasing. 18: In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*

**m. I have given them thy word:**

1. **John 17:14**, *I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.*
2. Many times, we get our eyes on numbers, but God is saying that when we give out the Preserved Word of God there will be some who hate, misunderstand us and some might even decide to go to other pastures.
3. The pasture is only green where the whole counsel of the Preserved Word of God is being preached and taught. **Acts 20:27**, *For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.*
4. The pasture is only green when we allow the Preserved Word of God to say what God intended.
5. The only thing that will clean up the pollution in the heart of man is the Preserved Word of God. **John 15:3**, *Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.*
6. Man's heart is desperately wicked who can know it? **Jeremiah 17:9**, *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?*

**n. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world,**

1. **John 17:15**, *I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.*
2. The Bible tells us that Satan is a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. **1 Peter 5:8**, *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*
3. Does the Lord build a hedge around us? Absolutely, but the hedge will only work when we are students of the Preserved Word of God, our prayer life is intact, and we are willing to put on the whole armor of God to stand against the wiles of the devil. **Ephesians 6:11**, *Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*
4. The rapture will come; however, it is not God's will that it come at this moment. He is longsuffering and not willing that any perish. **2 Peter 3:9**, *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*
5. He tells us that we are the salt of the earth and we need to make sure that we are reflecting that concept twenty-four hours a day. **Matthew 5:13**, *Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.*
6. It would be nice to avoid all the temptation and trials we encounter. **Job 14:1**, *Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble. 1 Corinthians 10:13*, *There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*
7. God has warned us that He is sending us as sheep among wolves. **Luke 10:3**, *Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.*
8. Jesus prays that we are kept from the evil. To do that we must be students of the Preserved Word of God. **1 Thessalonians 5:22**, *Abstain from all appearance of evil.*

**o. They are not of the world,**

1. **John 17:16**, *They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.*
2. The measure of the believer in order to be happy and have a purpose in life is to not be of the world.

3. The Bible says we have overcome the world. **1 John 4:4**, *Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*
  4. Some of my dear friends have come to me and told me that they are unhappy. The only happiness you can have is joy in the Lord, be students of the Preserved Word of God, make sure you are in the will of God and are accomplishing the purpose that God has set forth.
- p. Sanctify them through thy truth:**
1. **John 17:17**, *Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*
  2. Sanctification means to be set apart for God.
  3. When we are saved and born again we are set apart and ready to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour. **2 Peter 3:18**, *But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.*
  4. We can only grow in grace by having the Word of Truth.
  5. **God's Word is extremely important!**
  6. We can only serve Him if we are willing to know His Word, His will for our lives and to be obedient to His Word.
  7. So many believers want to rebel. We all need to remember what **1 Samuel 15:23**, says, *For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king.*
- q. ...even so have I also sent them into the world.**
1. **John 17:18-19**, *As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. 19: And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.*
  2. God has saved us for a reason; to be a witness for Him, to tell lost men and women about the Saviour.
  3. We are to bear witness of that light. **John 1:7**, *The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.*
  4. We are not to hide our candle under a bushel. **Luke 11:33**, *No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light.*
  5. We must be willing to reflect the light of the true and living Christ. **Matthew 5:16**, *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*
  6. **The third area Jesus prayed for was the church.**
- r. Neither pray I for these alone,**
1. **John 17:20**, *Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;*
  2. Jesus clearly has the church in focus when praying this prayer.
  3. We are priests upon the earth. We go straight to the High Priest for instruction, we do not have to leave earth and go to Heaven to get our instruction because the holy Spirit comes to guide us into all truth. **Revelation 5:10**, *And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.* **Hebrews 4:16**, *Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*
  4. *"which shall believe on me through their word;"* – When we share the Preserved Word of God it is the thing that causes unbelievers to be born again into the body of Christ.
  5. Jesus told Nicodemus in **John 3:7**, *Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.*
- s. That they all may be one;**
1. **John 17:21**, *That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.*
  2. *"thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee,"* - means salvation, justification and to be set apart for God.
  3. If we can reflect on this verse – to be one in the body of Christ, it would be amazing the impression we would make on the world.
  4. Too often the world sees believers hating, resenting and becoming enemies with each other.
  5. When we disagree on doctrinal issues in the Preserved Word of God, some folks think they are to be enemies.
  6. This is not the way God has intended for things to be. We are to be aligned as one accepting the Preserved Word of God as the final authority.
  7. It is not about us; it is about the Lord Jesus Christ.
- t. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them;**
1. **John 17:22-23**, *And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one,*

even as we are one: **23:** *I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.*

**u. ...that they may behold my glory,**

1. **John 17:24,** *Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; **that they may behold my glory,** which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.*
2. The plan of salvation was designed before the foundation of the world.
3. Jesus is praying that we would have perfect fellowship with Him and see His glory.
4. When that is reflected in the life of a believer, you do not have to tell anybody that you are a Christian; that light is reflected on your face and they know you have been with Jesus.
5. **Exodus 34:26,** *And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.* When we know who Jesus is the glory of God is reflected on us.

**v. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee:...**

1. **John 17:25,** *O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.*
2. There is no question that when a believer comes to know Christ as Saviour, they know for a fact that the tomb was empty, that the Father is righteous. **John 16:28,** *I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.*
3. **John 3:15,** *That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.*

**w. And I have declared unto them thy name,...**

1. **John 17:26,** **And I have declared unto them thy name,** *and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.*
2. The last thing that Jesus mentions here is love.
3. We know that we are saved by grace through faith. **Ephesians 2:8-9,** *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: **9:**Not of works, lest any man should boast.*
4. We also know that He has manifested Himself for us.
5. In Him is no sin. **1 John 3:5,** *And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.*
6. If Jesus had no sin in Him, then you and I are to reflect Him on the earth as we represent ourselves before a lost and unsaved world.
7. We can only do this by realizing that Jesus Christ is our High Priest. **Hebrews 7:25,** *Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. **Hebrews 4:14,** Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.*
8. We are to put on the whole armor of God; it will take us through and sustain us in this world.
9. The Lord carried the sin of the whole world on His shoulders.
10. We do not have to worry about the sin problem; we need to worry about being a reflection for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **2 Corinthians 5:21,** *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

**4. CONCLUSION**

- a. Do you know the Saviour?
- b. If you do not know Him as your personal Saviour, you need to come to Him through a pure heart.
- c. **1 Kings 18:21,** *And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.*
- d. **Romans 3:23,** *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*
- e. **Romans 3:10,** *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*
- f. **Romans 10:9-10,** *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. **10:** For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*
- g. Please stand