

# Chesswood Baptist Church

Where Everybody is Somebody

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## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### WHO HATH SAVED US, AND CALLED US WITH AN HOLY CALLING

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MOTHER'S DAY

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 TIMOTHY 1:6-9

2 Timothy 1:9, Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.

## 1 BACKGROUND

- a. We know Paul wrote this epistle around A.D. 67.
- b. Paul had been arrested and the end of his life was A.D. 68 when he was executed in Rome.
- c. Just before Paul's death he was giving instructions concerning the Gospel to young Timothy, his son in the faith. He is also telling Timothy what he must do after his departure.
- d. There are three verses that state the theme and set the tone of **2 Timothy**.
  1. All Scripture is inspired. **2 Timothy 3:16, All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:**
  2. Study to shew thyself approved. **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. Preach the Word. **2 Timothy 4:2, Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.**
- e. Worthy to note, the aforementioned verses have a direct application to pastors, preachers and those called to share God's Word.
- f. Paul's comments are particularly important because they were made to young Timothy just before Paul's death.
- g. All of Paul's instruction in Scripture is to be noted with a high degree of interest, however; these aforementioned words are most precious. If there is any question with respect to doctrine for the Church, Paul's Epistles; **Romans** thru **Philemon**, gives us the answer.
- h. These deathbed instructions to Timothy are profound, and emphatic.
- i. While Paul was incarcerated in a Roman prison, cold, and lonely, he gives Timothy instructions for the last days.
- j. We hear him as he tells Timothy words that come directly from the Throne of God.
- k. Paul says in **2 Timothy 4:7, I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.**
- l. Paul gets very personal in these four chapters that are loaded with great gems of information for the last days.
- m. **2 Timothy** speaks about apostasy, which means total desertion from the principles of the faith.
- n. Apostasy does not come from ignorance; we find that in the last days there will be deliberate error. **1 Timothy 4:1, Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.**
- o. The intentional departure from the faith is where we are in America today.
- p. People who are off into apostasy, many know the truth, know the Gospel, doctrines of faith, and have neglected to teach and preach them. They do not want to set forth the facts.
- q. The Lord made a statement in **Luke 18:8** that should capture all of our attention, **I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith in the earth?**
- r. The answer lies in the fact that wholesale apostasy will take place on the earth. **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:**

- s. The visible church in our day has entered the orbit of awful apostasy. The preaching and teaching of the whole counsel from the Preserved Word of God is extremely rare in our vast religious system.
- t. Paul speaks about this as he challenges young Timothy. **2 Timothy 4:3-4, 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. 4: And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.**
- u. The Preserved Word of God is the only thing that will keep men and women from turning to an apostate condition. The Preserved Word of God is the most valuable possession we have on this earth and **must be our final authority for faith and practice.**
- v. However, the attack on the very essence of the Word of God, and the doctrine of the total depravity of man and justification by faith should be of utmost importance to every born again believer and to us who are fundamental in the faith.
- w. Man is in such a state that he cannot save himself nor keep himself saved even if it were possible to be perfectly obedient. The law was not given to save but to show the sinful condition of mankind. **Romans 3:20, Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. Galatians 3:24, Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.**
  - 1. Only God's plan of salvation can provide a new nature and rescue sinful mankind. **2 Peter 1:4, Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**
  - 2. The Lord Jesus Christ is the only one who is able to save. **John 14:6, Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**
- x. There are three main areas that represent departure from the faith and liberalism.
  - 1. From our pulpits we are hearing popular psychology and major topics on how to think creatively; to obtain wealth and power.
  - 2. Ethics; the preaching of another Gospel that does not cause anyone to be upset because of their sin. A feel good approach to life is the order of the day. **Galatians 1:6, I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: We are living in a day and an hour where people do not want to use the Preserved Word of God at Church, at funerals, and marriage ceremonies.**
  - 3. Social Gospel; fostering better relationships with and among each other, certainly are needed but should not be substituted for the Word of God.
  - 4. God's Word, rightly divided, is sufficient to take care of the three aforementioned areas.
- y. There are several themes prevalent in **Second Timothy**:
  - 1. The Spirit of God gives His children not fear, but one of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. **2 Timothy 1:7, For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**
  - 2. Persecution is a certainty for those who have committed their life to Jesus Christ. **2 Timothy 3:12, Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.**
  - 3. All scripture is given by inspiration of God. **2 Timothy 3:16, All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.**
  - 4. Christians should avoid disputes and quarrels in their lives but especially as it relates to God's Word. **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.**
  - 5. God's Word is not on trial and needs no defense from mankind; it is forever settled in Heaven. **Psalms 119:89, For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.**
  - 6. In the final analysis we know some will believe and some will believe not. **Acts 28:24, And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.**
  - 7. Though all may forsake us, God will always remain true. **Hebrews 13:5, Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Isaiah 54:17, No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.**

## 2. INTRODUCTION

- a. Please refer to the May 8, 2022 Morning Message for the Introduction.

### 3. FOUR POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

#### e. Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God.

1. **2 Timothy 1:6, Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.**
2. Paul challenges young Timothy to stir up the gift of God that was in him.
3. Every single born again believer that is called of God has a spiritual gift that God expects us to exercise in love to His glory.
4. As we find our place in the local church and we exercise our spiritual gifts according to God's glory, God, through the power of the Holy Spirit and through the Word of God, will add to the Church those that should be saved. **Acts 2:47, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.**
5. A Godly mother is one that takes her rightful place in the local Church.
  - a. She imparts the spiritual gifts that she has, to those around her. She avoids the trap of Satan expressed in **2 Timothy 3:6, For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, 7: Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.**
  - b. She has great influence on the members of any church when she is anchored and grounded in the Lord Jesus Christ through the Word of God and not in rebellion. **1 Samuel 15:23, 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.**
6. The Bible tells us that Paul told young Timothy, **Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 1:13**
7. I have noticed something about **Godly moms: 1 Peter 3:4, But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.**
  - a. They teach the Word by example.
  - b. They are not busybodies that are moving around and interfering in everybody's business. **2 Thessalonians 3:11, For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. 1 Timothy 5:13, And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not. Proverbs 21:23, Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles. Ecclesiastes 5:6, Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands? Ecclesiastes 5:2, Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.**
  - c. They have such a tremendous influence over the younger women, that the Bible indicates that they are examples and teachers of them. **Titus 2:3-5, The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things. 4: That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children. 5: To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.**
  - d. Not only for their own daughters and sons, but a wide scope of influence over everyone that might be in the local assembly or in the local community. **Deuteronomy 11:19, And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.**
8. Paul, placing his hands upon Timothy, simply means he was making Timothy a partner, just as he did with Titus. Laying on of hands for the most part speaks to identification. **2 Corinthians 8:23, Whether any do inquire of Titus, he is my partner and fellowhelper concerning you; or our brethren be inquired of, they are the messengers of the churches, and the glory of Christ.**
9. He shared the gift of teaching the Word of God.
10. I believe this young man was extremely close to Paul. **Philippians 2:20, For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state.** Paul was in prison in Rome.
11. Here was a man who could carry on his teaching and preaching through his partner. If we do not duplicate ourselves in others, God's ministry through us will be shortly lived.

12. It is nice how brethren are called in combination to do God's work.
13. I think of Paul and Dr. Luke, David and Jonathan; these men were like-minded and were not trying to out-do each other.
14. When we come to know God in His fulness, we are all about serving Him. Pride is far removed from our lives. **Proverbs 16:18, *Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Proverbs 29:23, A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.***
15. **"Stir up the gift of God"** – We must not be distracted by anything.
16. Paul is concerned about Timothy in Ephesus. He had been there; he knew it was a sin spot in the Roman world.
17. The whole counsel of God **has to be taught and preached** and Paul was afraid that Timothy, in some way, might hold back. **Jeremiah 12:10 *Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness***
18. Those of us who have been called of God must do what God has called us to do.
19. We are mandated to declare the whole counsel of God. **Acts 20:26, *Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. Acts 20:27, For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.***

f. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear.

1. **2 Timothy 1:7, For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**
2. The Scriptures challenges us to fear God and keep His commandments. **Ecclesiastes 12:13, *Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.***
3. In this verse, "fear" means being a coward or reluctant to do God's will as He has called us to work in enemy territory in a foreign country. **Matthew 10:16, *Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.***
4. We are a peculiar people, zealous of the work of God. **Titus 2:14, *Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.***
5. Godly moms must take a different route from the ordinary mom.
6. They are to hang – in – there and not try to win a popularity contest with their children but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. **Ephesians 6:4, *And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.***
7. **Proverbs 22:6, *Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.***
8. None of us know how old, old really is.
9. We do know that the Word of God will have its way into the heart.
10. **2 Timothy 1:7, For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**
11. A sound mind simply means we have discipline. God does not intend for us to be defeated in any way, shape or form.
12. Defeat is not a part of the normal Christian life.
13. We cannot be slaves to music, emotion, entertainment and celebration. And leave out the most important part which is God's Preserved Word.
14. **We must be motivated by the Word of God on a daily basis. Joshua 1:8, *This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.***
15. Some question as to whether there are instructions in the Bible on how to raise children. Yes, certainly there is, from **Genesis to Revelation.**
16. The Bible is our road map, and tells us we have to get our own lives in order first. It is our most valuable possession on earth.
17. The first step in the life of any individual is to know Jesus as personal Saviour. **2 Corinthians 8:4-5, *Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship***

**of the ministering to the saints. 5: And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.**

18. Both Lois the grandmother, and Eunice the mother, had a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.
19. As a result of that, they raised young Timothy to the glory of God.
20. What a beautiful testimony of a young man who was molded, and brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

**g. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord.**

1. **2 Timothy 1:8, Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;**
2. There is no question that if we are to declare the whole counsel of God, we will ruffle feathers of those who profess to know Christ and those who do know Christ and also unbelievers.
3. However, we must stick with the Book; we must stay with the Word of God.
4. The Word of God will mold us and guide us into all truth. The Holy Spirit is sent here for the sole purpose of guiding us into all truth. **John 16:13, Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.**
5. We cannot be ashamed of the Gospel of Christ. **Romans 1:16, For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.**
6. The Lord made it very clear that in the world, if we are sold-out to Him, we will have tribulation **John 16:33, These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.**
7. Born again believers will not go through the Great Tribulation Period, but there will be people who will be disturbed for our stand we take to reflect Christ in our lives. **Revelation 3:10, Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.**
8. The Bibles says in **John 15:18, If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.**
9. There is something wrong when we attempt to become popular. God has not called us to popularity.
10. He has called us to teach and preach the whole counsel of God.
11. When we do this, we are partakers of the affliction of the Gospel according to the power of God.

**h. Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling.**

1. **2 Timothy 1:9, Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.**
2. After we know the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, we need to exercise Godly influence over our family.
  - a. We can only do that by being willing to set the example in every circumstance, at all times.
  - b. After salvation there is a Holy calling for mothers and grandmothers.
3. Today, society looks down on motherhood.
4. I have nothing against a lady that wants a career. Development of our fullest potential is a necessary mainstay.
5. I want to reflect on a statement from President Theodore Roosevelt, about mothers: "The good mother, the wise mother is more important to the community than even the ablest person. Her career is more worthy of honour, and is more useful to the community than the career of any other person, no matter how successful."
6. I believe that statement is true and correct. I do know that Godly women here at Chesswood Baptist Church have made a tremendous impact on a lost and dying world.
7. There would be no Chesswood Baptist Church if it were not for our ladies.
8. For a Godly mom, it is very essential that you order your steps in the Word of the Lord, in order to make sure that we impart to youngsters what they need and what they deserve, so they can have successful careers. **Psalms 119:133, Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.**

9. Abraham Lincoln, one of our greatest presidents, sat on his mother's knee, as she read to him from the Bible.
  - a. She taught him to memorize the Ten Commandments.
  - b. She would place Scripture into his heart to govern his life.
  - c. Nancy Lincoln, once said, "I would rather have Abe, to be able to read the Bible than to own a farm if he can have only one."
  - d. She died when Abe was only nine years old.
  - e. Her last words were "Abe, I'm going to leave you now and I shall not return. I want you to be kind to your father and live as I have taught you; love your heavenly Father and keep his commandments."
  - f. What an impact on society, a Godly mom that was anchored in the Lord Jesus Christ, and in His Word.
  - g. Later on, as we know, Lincoln came to the great fortune of being President of the United States.
  - h. It was during the Civil War, that he made the statement, "**All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel, mother.**"
  - i. At another point in time in his life he made the statement, "I remember my mother's prayers, and they have always followed me."
10. I asked Brother Richard to consider singing the song: "If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again." What beautiful words there are to that song.

**If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again**

by J. W. Vaughan

How sweet and happy seem those days of which I dream  
 When memory recalls them now and then!  
 And with what rapture sweet my weary heart would beat  
 If I could hear my mother pray again.  
 She used to pray that I on Jesus would rely  
 And always walk the shining gospel way  
 So trusting still His love I seek that home above  
 Where I shall meet my mother some glad day

11. It was Theodore Roosevelt who said, "The woman's task is never easy. No task we're doing, is easy, but in doing it and when she has done it, there shall come to her the highest call, and the holiest joy known to mankind. And have done it she shall have the reward prophesied in scripture, for her husband and her children, yes, all people who realize that her work lies at the very foundation of all national happiness and greatness shall rise up and call her blessed." **Proverbs 31:28, Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.**
12. It was in the words of Dr. John R. Rice, whose mom died when he was five years old, that said, "I could never tell the amazing influence of my mother on my life. Although she went to Heaven, before I was six, when mother lay dying out in the country near Red River, and Cook County Texas, and we were called into to see her, to tell her goodbye, she made each of us promise to meet her in Heaven. Mother lifted her thin hands and there was a Heavenly light on her face, as she said, "I can see Jesus and my baby now," her hands fell across her breast and she was gone, I knew she had gone to Heaven."
  - a. It was later on that his aunt gave him a letter, written by his mom when he was only five, she named all of her children in the letter, but she said of Dr. Rice, "Let me tell you about my preacher boy." His aunt said, "She never called you anything except preacher boy."
  - b. Later on, Dr. Rice, surrendered to the ministry, and became one of the greatest Bible teacher and preacher of the Twentieth Century.
13. Yes, the influence of a Godly mom makes a difference.
14. Let me relate some things about my own mother.
  - a. It was mom that taught me patience.
  - b. It was mom that taught me excellence.
  - c. It was mom that taught me how to do things correctly and stay with it until the job was complete.
  - d. I thank God for a Godly mom that shaped my life.
  - e. I will talk about the impact of my father on Father's Day, but this day belongs to mom.
  - f. You might find this unusual, but my late wife's mother had a tremendous impact on my

- life, she raised a Godly daughter, whom I was privileged to call my companion, and friend.
- g. I want to talk a moment about my late wife Marie, and honour her for shaping the lives of our children. She was a true warrior, and I was privileged to have found and met her in college.
  - h. I consider myself the most fortunate man on the planet and I give glory to God for bringing both Clara and her mom the late Ms. Jimmy Lee Pickens into my life. Only God could perform such a miracle.
15. It does not take a long period of time for a Godly mom to influence her children.
  16. Moses' mother had him no longer than when he was a teenager.
  17. Samuel only had his mom until he was about three years old.
  18. President Lincoln's mom only lived until he was nine years old.
  19. Dr. Rice was only five years old when his mom was called to be with the Lord.
  20. A Christian impact and a life lived for God, makes an impression upon young people, and as a result; many giants for God have been born. **All of these moms believed that there was absolute truth. Therefore, we conclude that most moms and dads lose their children because they do not start in the cradle.**

#### 4. CONCLUSION

- a. Those of you who have lost children, I want to comfort you; that if they had not reached the age of accountability, they have gone to Heaven to be with the Lord. **2 Samuel 12:23, But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.**
- b. My late wife Marie and I happen to fall in that category, where we have one that has gone on to be with the Lord.
- c. For those of you that have never been able to have a child, I want to comfort you; you need to stay within God's will and let God take care of all circumstances and events in your life. We have honoured you today, along with all of the other moms because there are children at Chesswood Baptist Church that their lives have been touched on the basis of your godly influence.
- d. I want to say to the unsaved moms that have never come to a saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; you need to turn to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ this very moment, believe the Gospel, and be saved.
- e. The Bible says in **Romans 3:23, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Romans 3:10, As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: 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.1 John 5:11-12, And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12: He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.**
- f. Would you come to Jesus today?
- g. **The world is ready to make an impact on your children;** it is only you and the rest of the Christian family that can influence your children with Christian values and principles and help them come to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let's together reverse the trend among our so-called born-again children, having them **know** that there **is** absolute truth and the Preserved Word of God is the final authority, because we adults believe, accept and embrace it and we are willing to allow the preserved Word of God to govern our lives.
- h. At Chesswood Baptist Church we stand ready to meet this challenge.
- i. Would you stand please?

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