

ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

January 3, 2021

Thank you for being a part of our service today. We trust that you will receive a blessing from being with us and hearing a message from the Word of God. May the Lord bless you as you serve Him.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE (Please use this time to quietly prepare your heart for worship)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #225 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Peter 1:1-4

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #682 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

HYMN #311 Hallelujah! What a Savior!

THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN #324 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

BIBLE MESSAGE Pastor Ernie Brodie, Jr.

HYMN #653 Whiter than Snow

CLOSING PRAYER

2 Peter 2:1-4: "Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 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."

Announcements

Business Meeting - Today, January 3, following the Morning Service.

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Annual Reports are needed for our Annual Business Meeting. Reports needed: Pastor, Deacons, Trustees, Men's Bible Study, Missions Committee, and Christian Education Committee. All reports are due by **Wednesday, January 13.**

Words To Live By **Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie Jr.**

The Apostle Paul was bold in instructing believers to live an exemplary life in following Christ. He even set himself up as an example to follow (1 Corinthians 4:16, Philippians 3:17). Paul's encouragement to Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:12 was: "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." Paul mentions several areas in which we are to be an example.

We are to be an example in speech (words). Matthew 12:34-37 says that what is in our hearts will be reflected in our speech. Even our idle words will be judged. We are to put away lying and speak the truth (Ephesians 4:25). Lying is listed as one of the abominations that the Lord hates (Proverbs 6:16-19). Ephesians 4:29: "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers."

We are to be an example in conversation (conduct and lifestyle). A wise man's conduct will exhibit meekness or restraint (James 3:13). 1 Peter 1:15-16 gives the high standard for being Christlike: "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." Our conduct is to glorify God, even when others speak evil of us or falsely accuse us (1 Peter 2:12, 3:16-17).

We are to be an example in charity (love). This is a sacrificial love that portrays commitment and service to others. Jesus is the prime example of one who willingly laid down His life for others.

We are to be an example in spirit (faith). Beware of unconfessed sin. We are to deal promptly with sin (1 John 1:8-9).

We are to be an example in faith (faithfulness and loyalty). 1 Corinthians 4:1-2: "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."

We are to be an example in purity. This is referring to sexual purity. In 2 Timothy 2:22, Paul emphasizes the importance of fleeing youthful lusts and following righteousness.

How are we to achieve a godly character? We are to live a pure life (Psalm 119:9-11), which requires us to cleanse our lives from sin and give our attention to the Word of God. We must base our lives on the Bible.