

ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

January 31, 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 #300 All Glory, Laud and Honor

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Peter 2:1-10

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #796 In Thanksgiving, Let Us Praise Him

HYMN #309 I Will Sing of My Redeemer

HYMN #647 Pure and Holy

HYMN #78 I Love You, Lord

BIBLE MESSAGE Pastor Ernie Brodie, Jr.

HYMN #660 I Will Serve Thee

CLOSING PRAYER

Announcement

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

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

The Works of the Flesh - Galatians 5:16-21 Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie Jr.

A great battle rages in the human soul for control. The battle for our lives exists between the flesh and the Holy Spirit. Before salvation, the flesh always won. Following salvation, the Holy Spirit can win. In Romans 7:15-25, we see Paul's battle over the power of sin. He shared his battle and his victory with us. Verses 24 and 25: "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? 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." Indulging in the activities of the flesh always tear down. They never build up. Thank God, we do not have to give into the power of the flesh. We have a forgiving and loving God.

Galatians 5:16: "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh." This means to continually walk and keep on walking throughout our lives by the energizing power and under the divine direction of the Holy Spirit, and you will never ever fulfill the lust of the flesh. You cannot walk in the Spirit and at the same time feed the flesh.

What are the works of the flesh?

Galatians 5:19: **Adultery** - Illicit sexual intercourse between people already married. **Fornication** - Illicit sexual activity between unmarried people. **Uncleanness** - Moral impurity that includes our speech and thoughts. **Lasciviousness** - Debauchery, lewdness, a complete disregard for morality.

Galatians 5:20: **Idolatry** - Worship of an idol or worshipping anything or anyone other than God. **Witchcraft** - Sorcery, related to drug use to deceive or control. **Hatred** - Enmity, personal animosity (1 John 3:15). Always angry at someone or something. **Variance** - Strife, quarrelsome, fighting. **Emulations** - Jealousies, seditions (rebellion), a desire to secure admiration. **Wrath** - Passionate, explosive anger that destroys. **Strife** - Factions. **Seditions** - Splits, divisions. **Heresies** - prejudicial choices. Often doctrinal distinctions are included.

Galatians 5:21: **Envy** - Feelings of ill will toward others. **Murders** - Killing another person. **Drunkenness** - Indulging in strong drink that clouds and destroys the mind. **Reveling** - Carousing, riotous parties. **And the such** - This list is not exhaustive. There are many things that can control our lives.

These works of the flesh reveal who we belong to and live for. While a Christian may temporarily fall into sin, the practice of sin should lead us to take into account who our Lord is. The continual sin of professing Christians shows that God is not in control of their lives. (1 John 3:4-10)

God's miracle of a changed life is still available to all who call upon Him for salvation through Jesus Christ (Romans 10:9-10, 13). For those who are backslidden, His forgiveness and restoration is available (1 John 1:9). God is ready to give you something better.