

# ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

March 7, 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 #370 Rejoice, the Lord Is King

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Peter 3:1-9

### OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #324 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HYMN #327 The Old Rugged Cross

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN #343 Amazing Grace

BIBLE MESSAGE Pastor Ernie Brodie, Jr.

HYMN #781 Face to Face

### CLOSING PRAYER

#### Announcements

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

**Solutions Health and Pregnancy Center's Virtual Fundraising Event** will be on Thursday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m. This year to ensure everyone's safety, you can enjoy the event from the comfort of your home. There will be an opportunity to live chat during the event, to listen to client testimonies, and to hear updates from the staff and volunteers at Solutions. Register online at [Solutions4Life.org/events](http://Solutions4Life.org/events) by March 10

## The Marks of Jesus Christ - Galatians 6:11-18 Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie Jr.

In ancient times, individuals would often adorn their bodies with symbols and marks of the deities they worshipped. The Apostle Paul bore the marks of Jesus Christ in his body. These marks made it self-evident who he belonged to.

The Marks of the World (Galatians 6:12-13)

- The marks of the world are in the flesh (6:12a). They are only skin deep. These marks do not transform or alter the heart or soul. They cannot save from eternal damnation. (Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:5-7)
- The marks of the world are a means of escaping persecution (6:12b). The Galatians thought of adding these marks, such as circumcision, in order to avoid being persecuted by various religious leaders. These marks were not out of conviction but of convenience.
- The marks of the world are for show (6:13). If the marks of the world could accomplish something of eternal value, than they might be of value, however, the marks of the world do nothing. They cannot produce spirituality (6:13a) and are for self-glorification (6:13b). They are to make one look spiritual.

The Marks of Christ (Galatians 6:14-17)

- The marks of Christ relate to the sacrifice of Christ (6:14a). The marks of the cross of Christ do not relate to what we do for God, but rather it is about what God has done for us. In this we glory.
- The marks of Christ separate us from the world and the world from us (6:14b). As a result of our relationship with God, the world no longer has a hold on us, nor do we have a hold on the world. We owe no allegiance to the corrupt world system. Colossians 3:1-5 reminds us to mortify (put to death) the lust of the flesh in our life. When sin knocks at the door, do not answer it.
- The marks of Christ reveal that we are new creations (6:15). 2 Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."
- The marks of Christ change our walk or lifestyle (6:16). Peace and mercy are by-products of a relationship with Christ. The fruit of the Spirit should be evident in a believer's life (Galatians 5:22-23).
- The marks of Christ signify that we belong to Christ (6:17). Paul physically and spiritually bore in his body the marks of Christ. 2 Corinthians 11:24-28 lists some of the marks in Paul's body. Romans 8:18: "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." The marks we bear in our body should be ones of a transformed life.
- The marks of Christ are permanent (6:18). Paul refers to the Galatians as brethren. This reveals that they were eternally saved. Since salvation is a work of God and not of man, it cannot be lost. Romans 8:31-39 tells us that nothing shall be able to separate us from the love of God.

Do you bear the marks of the world or the marks of Christ in your life?