

ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

March 21, 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 #33 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 3:11-18

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #97 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

HYMN #139 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

HYMN #100 Thou Art Worthy

BIBLE MESSAGE Pastor Ernie Brodie, Jr.

HYMN #319 Near the Cross

CLOSING PRAYER

Announcements

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

Good Friday Service - Friday, April 2, 5:30 p.m.

Business Meeting - Wednesday, April 14, 7:00 p.m.

Ladies' Retreats at Tri-State Bible Camp:

Friday and Saturday, April 9 and 10. Speaker: Debby Pryde

Friday and Saturday, April 16 and 17. Speaker: Melissa Baker

Men's Retreat at Tri-State Bible Camp:

Friday and Saturday, May 7 and 8. Speaker: Rand Hummel

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered - Ephesians 1:11-14 Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie Jr.

We have often heard the old saying, "If it's too good to be true, it probably is." With God, this is not the case. He can be trusted to keep all of His promises.

1. Signed - Ephesians 1:11-13.

Believers are the subject of the inheritance in Christ. It is based on what He has done for us through His death burial, and resurrection (John 6:37-39, John 10:29, John 17:2, 24, Malachi 3:17). We are predestinated or picked out in advance according to God's purpose, plan ("who worketh all things"), and prerogative ("after the council of His own will") (verse 11). The purpose of our inheritance is to glorify God (verse 12). Our actions should manifest Christ for others to see. We should be Christlike. The basis of our inheritance is Jesus Christ (verse 13). He is the one we have trusted in, He is the Word of truth (John 1:1-14), and He is the foundation of the gospel (Acts 4:12).

2. Sealed - Ephesians 1:13b.

The promised Holy Spirit seals us securely in Christ. He is God the Spirit and the third person of the Trinity. The Holy Spirit was promised by Jesus (John 14:15-17). He began to indwell Christians at Pentecost and continues to live in believers today. He indwells believers at the moment of their salvation. Old Testament believers could only experience the filling of the Holy Spirit but not His constant indwelling.

The Holy Spirit seals us (Ephesians 4:30, 2 Corinthians 1:22). He sets a mark of ownership or seal upon believers at the time of their salvation (Ephesians 1:13). A seal provides proof that the transaction is completed (Jeremiah 32:9-10). It shows security (Matthew 27:66), ownership (2 Timothy 2:19), approval (John 6:37), authenticity (1 Corinthians 9:2), and closeness (Song of Solomon 8:6). This seal cannot be broken. No one can pry us out of God's hands (Romans 8:35-39).

3. Delivered - Ephesians 1:14.

The indwelling Holy Spirit is the earnest money. It is a down payment that God will keep His promise to redeem our bodies. Although we have been paid for and belong to God, our bodies remain unredeemed at this time. Romans 6:12-13: "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God."

Our bodies still feel the negative affects of sin and can be used for sin. At the rapture, they will be glorified and restored to God's original design. They will be free from the power of sin (Philippians 1:6). Are you confident that you are Christ's inheritance? If so, you are sealed and will be delivered.