

ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

May 16, 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 #104 O Worship the King

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 2:12-17

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #344 Grace Greater than Our Sin

HYMN #332 I Know a Fount

HYMN #348 My Savior's Love

BIBLE MESSAGE Pastor Ernie Brodie, Jr.

HYMN #634 More Love to Thee

CLOSING PRAYER

Announcements

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

OUR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. will be resuming this summer. Programs available will be: **Nursery** - Newborns to Age 2, **Children's Church** - Ages 3 to 8, and **Junior Church** - Ages 9 to 12. Children's Church will include songs, puppets, Bible verses, and Bible lessons. Junior Church will have a lesson from the Bible.

1 John 2:15: Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.



A Prayer for Spiritual Growth - Ephesians 3:14-21 Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie Jr.

It is possible to know a great deal about the Bible and yet not know God. In Ephesians 3:14-21, the Apostle Paul prays that the Ephesian believers would genuinely experience and know God first hand. It is not until we walk with God through the valleys and mountains of life that we truly gain an understanding of Him.

Salvation through Grace (Ephesians 3:14-15)

Because of salvation by grace, I am humbled before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (verse 14). Because of God's grace, the whole family on earth and in heaven is being named (verse 15). Salvation is a work of God's grace alone. It is not a work of man.

Growth through Experience (Ephesians 3:16-18)

That God may give us according to the riches of His glory, the ability to be made strong through the Spirit of God within (verse 16)—**Strength**. That Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith being rooted and grounded in love (verse 17)—**Love**. Being strong to grasp with all holy people what is the breadth, length, depth, and height of Christ's love (verse 18)—**Spiritual Growth**.

Life is full of heartaches and hardships. It is often in the midst of these trials that we grow in our experiential knowledge of God. We gain an opportunity to see His grace in action and are able to testify of His glory. Paul's prayer for the Ephesian believers was for strength, love, and spiritual growth. God may want us to gain strength, love, and spiritual growth through our hardships.

Stability through Love (Ephesians 3:19-21)

We will know the love of Christ so that we may be filled with the fullness of God (verse 19). We will be able to do exceedingly abundantly above what we request or think according to the power of God acting in us (verse 20). Our purpose is to glorify God (verse 21). God transforms us and shows us that love is a commitment. See 1 Corinthians 13 and Proverbs 10:12.

We all look for quick spiritual growth, but it comes only by living for the Lord on a daily basis. Spiritual depth does not come overnight. Meeting God takes minutes. Knowing God takes a lifetime.