

# ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

May 23, 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 #151 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 2:15-17

### OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #342 Rock of Ages

HYMN #723 Soldiers of Christ, Arise

HYMN #727 Faith Is the Victory

BIBLE MESSAGE Pastor Ernie Brodie, Jr.

HYMN #588 All for Jesus

### CLOSING PRAYER

### Announcements

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



## Walk Worthy (Part 1) - Ephesians 4:1-2 Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie Jr.

The Apostle Paul devoted the first three chapters of Ephesians to the privileges of belonging to the Lord. Beginning in chapter four, he laid out the obligations, responsibilities, and requirements for walking worthy of Him.

Walk Worthy - Ephesians 4:1: "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called." Worthy means balanced. We should be balanced according to God's Word. Our walk is to be seen by our day-to-day living for the Lord Jesus Christ. Calling means to be called out of. Believers are called out of the world to God.

An **ancient calling** (Ephesians 1:4); a **divine calling** (John 15:16); a **heavenly calling** (Hebrews 3:1); a **holy calling** (2 Timothy 1:9 - Holy is being separated unto God, set apart in conduct and practice.); a **high calling** (Philippians 3:14); a **unique calling** (1 Corinthians 1:26); a **hopeful calling** (Ephesians 1:18 - Believers have a hopeful future.); and a **worthy calling** (2 Thessalonians 1:11). It is special to be called a believer.

What characteristics are essential for a worthy walk? - Ephesians 4:2: "With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love."

- Lowliness is humility. We cannot please God without humility. Our example is Jesus. He prayed in the garden in Matthew 26:39: "Nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." If you do not have humility, you will have no peace because you will always be offended by others. Walking worthy can only take place when a believer possesses a humble spirit.
- Meekness means power under control, especially under God's control. No one is meek who is not first humble. Meekness is not weakness, nor does it remove righteous indignation. In Matthew 21, Jesus is angry at the misuse of the Temple for business, rather than for worship. We should have righteous indignation over sin, but we also need to exercise self-control (Ephesians 4:26). Not doing right is sin. James 4:17: "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."
- Longsuffering is patience. Humility leads to meekness. Meekness leads to longsuffering. Longsuffering means that a person endures difficult circumstances. Patient endurance is a product of a relationship with God. Knowing that God is sovereign and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him enhances our ability to hold fast.

Lowliness, meekness, and longsuffering are essential if we are to have a worthy walk. Developing these traits is a lifetime process. God builds these in us as we live for Him and lean on Him. He will enable us to face the challenges that come into our lives. For His glory, may we determine to be good examples of walking worthy.