

ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

August 28, 2022

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 #404 Faith of Our Fathers

SCRIPTURE READING John 3:14-21

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #327 The Old Rugged Cross

HYMN #343 Amazing Grace

HYMN #635 In the Garden

BIBLE MESSAGE John Roberts

HYMN #479 Softly and Tenderly

CLOSING PRAYER

The following programs are available during the Morning Worship Service:

Nursery - Newborns to Age 2

Children's Church - Ages 3 to 8

John 3:14-17: And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Announcements

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

Sunday School will be starting up again on October 2. Mark your calendar and plan to join us each week at 10:00 a.m.

Don and Chris Dillman, our missionaries to Scotland, will be with us on Sunday, October 2. We will be having a luncheon following the Morning Service.

Partying with Sinners - Matthew 9:9-17

Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie Jr.

Matthew was a Jewish tax collector. Tax collectors were despised and considered traitors by their own people. The Romans used them by allowing them to extort the people by overcharging and keeping the excessive profits. The condition of Matthew's heart was that of being a money grabber and extortionist. He was lost in his sin. He may have been tired of his corrupt life and lack of friends. Most likely he had heard about Jesus' teachings and miracles and was ready to respond to His invitation.

The call of Matthew and his obedient response is seen in Matthew 9:9: "And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him." He exhibited a true mark of repentance by going in a new direction and following Jesus.

Jesus' message was: "Follow me." Following Jesus will lead to a ministry. Matthew contacted his past associates and invited them to his house to hear Jesus. Perhaps they were also tired of their old life and ready to learn more about Jesus. Verses 10: "And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans (tax collectors) and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples."

When we are willing to share Jesus with others, it often leads to misunderstandings. The religious Pharisees were upset that Jesus would consent to eat with publicans (tax collectors) and sinners. Verse 11: "And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?" The Pharisees despised them and did not associate with them. They wondered why Jesus would. Jesus' response: "They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (verses 12-13). Jesus knew their lost condition and their need of salvation.

Does the Bible teach that we must party with sinners to win the lost? Are we to be like the world and their ways to win them? No! Jesus does not condone sin but seeks to save sinners. He said: "I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Matthew 9:13). When Jesus called Matthew, he arose and followed Him. Matthew's obedience led to him writing one of the Gospels. What will you accomplish when you follow Jesus and obey His Word?