

ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

April 18, 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 #11 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 1:5-10

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #43 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

HYMN #100 Thou Art Worthy

HYMN #312 Calvary Covers It All

BIBLE MESSAGE Pastor Ernie Brodie, Jr.

HYMN #657 Cleanse Me

CLOSING PRAYER

Announcement

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

1 John 1: 5-8: This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

A New Beginning - Ephesians 2:1-10 Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie Jr.

Our condition before salvation. Ephesians 2:1-3

We are dead in our sins (verse 1). Man is not merely weakened, incapacitated, and sick, he is spiritually dead toward God and incapable of pleasing God. Sin is missing the mark of life's divine aim and leads to eternal death.

We live under the control of sin (verse 2). Our past is devoid of spiritual life. We live by the law of sin. Our lives are controlled by rebellion against God. We are dominated by Satan (verse 2). Satan continually exerts his power in the life of an unregenerate man (John 8:44). We are the children of disobedience (verse 2). Our conduct marks us as disobedient.

We are controlled by our lusts (verse 3). Our lives are dominated by our lusts, and we follow the evil inclinations of the flesh. We are under God's wrath (verse 3). John 3:36

Our emancipation from sin. Ephesians 2:4-10

God is the source of our salvation (verse 4). Despite our situation, God gives us hope, salvation, and emancipation from sin. Considering the position that mankind is in, what are our options? We can ignore our problems, we can try to work our way out of our problems, or we can turn to God by repenting of our sin and believing He alone is able to save us.

God is rich in mercy (verse 4). He withholds the punishment that we deserve for our sin.

God is full of love (verse 4). The source of God's mercy is His great love. God is the one that makes us alive (verses 5-6). We are spiritually dead and incapable of pleasing God or gaining His favor. He has made us alive and raised us up to newness of life. Figuratively speaking, God has placed us beside Christ in the throne room of heaven.

God is the one that raised us up to newness of life (verse 7). He delights in showing His redeemed as trophies of His grace.

God is full of grace (verse 7-9). Grace is God's unmerited favor towards us. The source of this grace is through Christ Jesus. Salvation is God's greatest gift to mankind. He provides grace, and man appropriates salvation by faith. Faith is the channel through which man receives God's free gift of salvation. It is not based on man's work, and it cannot be earned. Salvation comes from the mercy and grace of God alone.

God is the one who places us in His service (verse 10). He enables us and gives us the desire to serve Him. We are saved apart from good works but destined to do good works as a result of our relationship with Him. Works never produce salvation, but salvation always produces good works. God's plan and desire is to transform us into trophies of His grace.

You can be wrong about a lot of things with limited consequences. Being wrong about God and salvation is not one of those areas where you can afford to be wrong. Few decisions determine your eternal destiny like this one. If you are looking for a new beginning and redemption from your sinful past, come to God.