

ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

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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 John 2:1-6

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #401 The Church's One Foundation

HYMN #17 Our Great Savior

HYMN #34 He Is Lord

BIBLE MESSAGE Pastor Ernie Brodie, Jr.

HYMN #605 Living for Jesus

CLOSING PRAYER

Announcement

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

1 John 2:1-5: My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

The Differences in a Life Before Christ and After Christ

Ephesians 2:11-22

Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie Jr.

There are many differences in our lives from before we had a personal relationship with Christ and after we trusted Christ as our Savior. It is sad when one strays from living for God, goes back into the world, and attempts to find peace and fulfillment in the wrong places. Note the differences in a life before Christ and after Christ.

Before Christ:

Our faith was in the flesh (Ephesians 2:11). We were trusting in the works of the flesh to please God, but we were separated from Him. Man's works are unacceptable to God and are as "filthy rags" (Isaiah 64:6).

We were spiritually homeless (Ephesians 2:12). We were aliens. We did not belong to God.

We were friendless (verse 12). We were "strangers from the covenants of God". We were friends of the world and without God (James 4:4).

We were hopeless (verse 12). There is no hope in the world without God. The position of a person without Christ is like a ship without a rudder, which means we had no direction or purpose.

We were without God (verse 12). Being without God means we did not have eternal life (John 14:6). Jesus is the source of life. We were without light and had no direction in our lives (John 8:12). We were without salvation (Acts 4:12). We were without rest (Matthew 11:28). And we were without peace (Colossians 1:20).

After Christ:

We are made close to God (Ephesians 2:13-14).

We are provided with peace (Ephesians 2:14).

We have a new identity (Ephesians 2:14-17). We become a child of God and are adopted into His family. We are a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17).

We can approach God directly (Ephesians 2:18, Hebrews 4:16). We can talk to and pray to God at anytime and in any place.

We are fellow citizens of heaven (Ephesians 2:19). God has prepared a place in heaven for all who know Him as Lord and Savior (John 14:1-3). Until then, we should live so Christ is magnified in our bodies (Philippians 1:20).

We are established in Christ who is our foundation (Ephesians 2:20-22, Matthew 21:42, 1 Corinthians 3:11, 1 Peter 2:4-8). To the world, Christ is a stumbling block (1 Corinthians 1:23). To believers, He is our foundation and cornerstone! Our lives are based upon Him.

Consider the blessings of being a child of God compared to the curses of being without God. Why would anyone allow bitterness and disappointment to rule in their heart and go back to the world? God allows us to choose. Make sure you make the right choice.