

# ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

September 26, 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 #169	Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart
SCRIPTURE READING	1 John 5:17-21
OPENING PRAYER	
HYMN #677	Glorious Is Thy Name Most Holy
HYMN #684	Precious Lord, Take My Hand (Children - ages 9 to 12 - will be dismissed to Junior Church.)
HYMN #685	Footsteps of Jesus
BIBLE MESSAGE	Pastor Ernie Brodie, Jr.
HYMN #675	I Gave My Life for Thee

### CLOSING PRAYER

The following programs are available during the Morning Worship Service:

*Nursery - Newborns to Age 2*

*Children's Church - Ages 3 to 8*

*Junior Church - Ages 9 to 12*

1 John 5:17-21: All unrighteousness is sin; and there is a sin not unto death. We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

## Announcements

**Prayer Meeting and Business Meeting** - This Wednesday, September 29, 7:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

**Solutions Health and Pregnancy Center's Walk 4 Life** - Sunday, October 3, 12:30 p.m., at the Ocean Grove Youth Temple. This is an opportunity to raise funds that will provide ultrasounds, counseling, and other essential services for mothers facing unplanned pregnancies. You can register online and start to raise funds at [events.fundeasy.com/18373](https://events.fundeasy.com/18373).

**Ladies' Tea** - Sunday, October 10, following the Morning Service.

### **False Hopes - Matthew 3:1-11** **Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie Jr.**

We all make decisions and choices. How do we know if we made the right ones? The most important choice of all is choosing the right religion, since this involves eternal consequences. As Christians, we understand it is not a religion but a relationship with Christ that is needed. Today a minefield of religious confusion abounds. This was so in the days of Jesus also. Matthew 3:1 offers hope: "In those days came, John the Baptist," the forerunner of the Messiah.

- **The Man** (Matthew 3:1). John the Baptist was the miracle child born to Zacharias and Elisabeth (Luke 1). He was called the forerunner or herald for Jesus (Matthew 3:3, Isaiah 40:3, Malachi 3:1).
- **The Message** (Matthew 3:2a). People from all around the region went to hear John preach a message of repentance. He was preaching to the Jews. Many were religious, but not righteous and saw no need to repent.
- **The Mandate** (Matthew 3:7-12). The Pharisees and Sadducees were trusting in and promoting false hope through their religious practices and through their heritage as the children of Abraham. John told them not to think that because they were of Abraham they were qualified for God's Kingdom. God's wrath will come upon those who have not repented (Matthew 3:7, 10).
- **The Messiah** (Matthew 3:11). "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." John spoke of Jesus. "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire." The Holy Ghost is given to believers at the moment of salvation (2 Corinthians 1:22, Ephesians 1:13). Fire is prepared for those who refuse to come to Christ (verse 12).

Where is your hope? Are you religious or righteous? You can know that you are saved and will spend eternity with Christ (1 John 5:13).