

# ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

October 3, 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 #182 For the Beauty of the Earth

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 15

### OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #33 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

HYMN #316 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Children - ages 9 to 12 - will be dismissed to Junior Church.)

HYMN #324 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

BIBLE MESSAGE Pastor Ernie Brodie, Jr.

HYMN #617 Near to the Heart of God

### 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*

*Psalm 15:1-2: Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.*

## Announcements

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

**Solutions Health and Pregnancy Center's Walk 4 Life** - Today, October 3, 12:30 p.m., at the Ocean Grove Pavilion.

**Ladies' Tea** - Next Sunday, October 10, following the Morning Service. Please bring your favorite tea pot. A light lunch, scones, and tea will be provided. It will be a time of fun, games, and fellowship for the ladies. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer. Please sign up today.

### **The Baptism of Jesus - Matthew 3:13-17** **Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie Jr.**

1. The Baptism of the Son. (Matthew 3:13-15)

In AD 29, John the Baptist, the forerunner of Jesus, was preaching the message of repentance in the wilderness of Judea. Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. John knew the identity of Jesus, and he knew that Jesus was without sin or guile and that He was God. John felt unworthy to baptize Him (Matthew 3:14). Jesus answered John in verse 15: "Suffer (allow, permit) it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him." John consented to baptize Him.

The Purpose of Christ's Baptism: a) To confess sin on behalf of the nation, as Isaiah, Ezra, Nehemiah, etc., had done, b) To accomplish God's mission and advance God's work in the world, c) To inaugurate His public ministry to bring the message of salvation to all people, d) To show support for John's ministry, e) To give us an example of humility to follow, f) To identify with the penitent people of God, thus with their humanness and sin.

2. The Anointing of the Spirit. (Matthew 3:16)

The Spirit was given to empower Jesus in His humanity. He descended upon Jesus and anointed Him. Jesus in His humanity had a human nature but without sin. He experienced many of the physical needs we have such as hunger, thirst, and fatigue. Christians today look to the Spirit for strength to carry out God's purpose in their lives and to glorify Him. The Spirit, like a dove, was a visible, confirming sign to John the Baptist and everyone watching.

3. The Confirmation of the Father. (Matthew 3:17: "And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.") Jesus is who He says He is. The Father spoke at Jesus' baptism and at the Mount of Transfiguration. It is clear that Jesus is His beloved Son in whom He is well pleased. This being so, God instructed us to hear Him (Matthew 17:5, Mark 9:7, Luke 9:35). The Father is satisfied with His Son and what He came to accomplish on the cross. His sacrifice placates the wrath of God. Jesus is God Incarnate. See Hebrews 1:1-8.

Jesus claimed to be God. He was either a liar or a lunatic, or He was telling the truth. Our eternal future depends on Jesus being who He said He was.