

ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

April 30, 2023

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

HYMN #45 Crown Him with Many Crowns

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 5:1-8

OPENING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #540 My Hope Is in the Lord

HYMN #129 Great and Mighty

HYMN #342 Rock of Ages

BIBLE MESSAGE Pastor Ernie Brodie, Jr.

HYMN #79 My Jesus, I Love 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

This Week at Robertsville

Sunday..... 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Announcements

Church Dinner - We will be having a covered-dish dinner on Sunday, May 21, following the Morning Service. Please think about what you would like to bring. A sign-up sheet will be available next Sunday. We will be buying a cake, so no desserts will be needed.

Ladies Tea - Saturday, May 13, at 1:00 p.m. at Trinity Bible Church in Glassboro. Mrs. Kathy DeMaria will be speaking and providing special music. The cost is \$15.00 per person. RSVP by Monday, May 1, to Sherri Pickering (856) 889-7025. Pick up a flyer on the table in the foyer for more information.

Baptismal Service - We are making plans for a baptismal service. If you need to be baptized by immersion, please see Pastor Ernie today.

Things That Defile - Matthew 15:1-20

Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie Jr.

In Matthew 15:1-2, the scribes and Pharisees asked Jesus why His disciples transgressed the traditional ceremony of washing their hands before eating. They were looking for a way to accuse Him and the disciples of doing something wrong. This tradition became more important than the Word of God.

- **Obedience is always more important than the traditions of men** (verses 3-9). Jesus challenged the scribes and Pharisees, “Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?” Traditions of men can get in the way of following the Word of God. Unless a man’s heart is right with God, his worship is unacceptable.
- **Obedience is more important than what we eat** (verses 10-11). “Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man” (verse 11). It is not what you eat that makes you unholy but what is in your heart. God wants our obedience.
- **Obedience to the Word of God is more holy than following the crowd** (verses 12-14). Be careful who you follow. They may lead you away from God.
- **Obedience to the Word of God is the only way to deal with issues of the heart** (verses 17-20). Again, it is not what we eat that makes us unholy, but what comes from our hearts. Jeremiah 17:9: “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?”

The Lord knows our hearts. May we learn to measure them by His Word and not by the traditions of men. Our only hope is in Jesus Christ. May He bless our daily walk in a way that gives Him all the glory and honor.