

ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

March 17, 2024

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 #562 Be Thou My Vision

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 12:13-17

OPENING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #713 Seek Ye First

HYMN #581 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

HYMN #563 Open My Eyes That I May See

BIBLE MESSAGE Pastor Ernie Brodie, Jr.

HYMN #685 Footsteps of Jesus

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

*Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold
wondrous things out of thy law. Psalm 119:18*

Announcements

Business Meeting - Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Choir Concert at America's Keswick on Saturday, March 23, 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. **REMEMBER - Where the Past Ends and Forever Begins** will be presented. A love offering will be taken for Keswick's Addiction Recovery Ministries.

Good Friday Service - Friday, March 29, 7:00 p.m.

Men's Bible Study - Saturday, March 30, 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Abiding in Christ

John 15:1-5

Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie Jr.

Our effectiveness as believers requires abiding in Christ. Paul's testimony in Philippians 3:10: "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death." For us to know Him, we must be abiding in Him.

Jesus is the true vine (John 15:1a). Our union with Christ is formed by believing on Him and embracing Him as our Savior, Redeemer, and Friend. Every believer is a part of the vine, and we are dependent on Christ. Through Him, we receive life and nourishment, and we have the potential for growth and the ability to produce fruit.

A strong warning is given in Matthew 7:21-23 to those who are religious but not righteous: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." We need to be sure of our salvation. Only Christ can make us a new creation in Him (2 Corinthians 5:17).

John 15:2 reminds us that the vinedresser takes away branches that are not producing fruit. This may be done through discipline enacted by the church, through suffering when we fall into sin, through persecution and tribulation, or through death. This verse also points out the necessity of purging to bring forth more fruit. Fruit bearing should be evident in our lives.

We are to abide in Christ (John 15:4). We do this by remaining faithful and steadfast in the faith. We must read, apply, and meditate on God's Word (Philippians 4:6-9). When we abide in Christ, He will change our lives and our character. John 15:5 states: "For without me ye can do nothing." If we separate from Christ or the true vine, we can do nothing.