ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH
September 22, 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 #147	How Great Thou Art
SCRIPTURE READING	Isaiah 6
OPENING PRAYER	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
HYMN #21	O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
HYMN #356	Redeemed
BIBLE MESSAGE	Pastor Stephen Christopher
HYMN #591	Have Thine Own Way, Lord
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

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. Isaiah 6:8

Announcements

The Manor Nursing Home Ministry - Today, September 22, 2:00 p.m.

Business Meeting - This Wednesday, September 25, 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

New Jersey March for Life - Thursday, September 26, 10:00 a.m. at the State House in Trenton. More information is available on the table in the foyer.

Solutions Walk 4 Life - Saturday, September 28, 9:00 a.m. at the Ocean Grove Boardwalk Pavilion. More information is available on the table in the foyer.

For The Furtherance of the Gospel - Philippians 1:7-19
Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie Jr.

Paul was imprisoned in Rome and was writing to the Christians in Philippi. These believers were not wealthy, but they gave sacrificially to help Paul. Paul cared deeply for these believers and kept them in continual prayer. What did Paul pray for?

1. That their love may abound with knowledge and judgment (verse 9). This is a sacrificial love that was demonstrated by the Philippian believers toward Paul and the Gospel.
2. That they may approve things excellent (verse 10a). We must live our lives focused on the important things versus that which is superficial (Philippians 4:8).
3. That they may be sincere and without offense (verse 10b). How would we stand up if we were being examined by the Son of God? Would we be genuine? True believers stand the test of time because they live by a set of genuine core beliefs.
4. That they may be fruitful (verse 11). Paul prayed that the believers' lives would overflow with spiritual fruit which permeates their thoughts and actions because of their relationship with Christ. Believers' lives are to be different from the world. Those who claim to be believers, but do not exhibit spiritual fruit are not genuine (Matthew 7:16-20).
5. That they may understand (verse 12). Paul wanted them to know that the trials and tribulations he was going through furthered the gospel message. Paul was imprisoned for speaking the truth. How did these trials further the gospel? People heard the gospel (verse 13). Believers were emboldened to witness (verse 14). God even used the words of the wicked to further the gospel (verses 15-16). Godly believers spoke the gospel knowing Paul was in God's sovereign hands (verse 17). The bottom line is the gospel was preached (verse 18).

Modern Christianity extols creature comforts and wealth over servanthood and sacrifice for the Savior. Paul believed and taught differently (verses 20-21). Our purpose on earth is to glorify and worship God.

Trials of this life bring us closer to God, through prayer and meditation on eternal things. They help us define and refocus on what is really important in life. They make us sensitive to the needs and sufferings of others.