

# ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

October 20, 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 #3 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 2:1-10

OPENING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #682 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

HYMN #686 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

BIBLE MESSAGE Pastor Josiah Sansone

HYMN #597 Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

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

*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10*

## Announcements

### **Nursing Home Ministry:**

Sunday, October 27, 2:00 p.m. - The Manor, Freehold

**Nomination Forms** - This year our church members have the opportunity to nominate candidates for the following positions: Deacon, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Annual Delegate, and Sunday School Superintendent. Nomination Forms are on the table in the foyer. Written nominations are due **next Sunday, October 27**, and should be given to a member of the Nominating Committee.

### **The Example of Christ - Philippians 2:5-11**

**Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie Jr.**

Spiritual unity is a choice and must be worked at. In order to maintain spiritual unity, we must be committed to following the example of Christ (Philippians 2:5). Doing things His way works and results in unity.

- “Who, being in the form of God” (Verse 6). Some may argue that Jesus was pretending to be God. This would either make Him a liar or a lunatic. Form (morphé) - properly, to be in the form of, (an outward expression) that embodies essential (inner) substance, so that the form is in complete harmony with the inner essence (Strong's Concordance).
- “Thought it not robbery to be equal to God” (Verse 6). It was not wrong or robbery for Jesus to claim to be equal with the Father, because He is God! He did not steal His deity or a title that was not His, nor usurp divine authority. He did not pretend He was God or that He became God.
- “But made himself of no reputation” (Verse 7). Christ humbled Himself and did not claim any rights or privileges that were not already His. Jesus did not cease to be God nor could He. Scripture reveals Jesus knew who He was and so did others. As an adult, Jesus said, “I and my Father are one” (John 10:30).
- What did Jesus empty Himself of? He emptied Himself of the use of His divine power and rights. He never lost nor ceased to possess His deity, but He willingly limited the use of His inherent powers.
- “Took upon him the form of a servant” (Verse 7). Instead of manifesting His inherent glory, He appeared as an average person. He did not manifest His power and glory apart from the Father and the Holy Spirit. He took on the form of a servant.
- “And was made in the likeness of men” (Verse 7). Christ became a man and suffered the physical limitations of a man. (For example: exhaustion, hunger, thirst, blood loss, and death.) Apart from Jesus, there could be no divine sacrifice for the sins of the world (Hebrews 9:22).
- The Exultation of Christ (Verses 9-11). Because of His humility and because He became a servant, Christ will sit one day sit on the throne as King. He came to die to enable us to have eternal life. Though He did not sin, He bore our sins on the cross. Though men rejected Him, one day all will have to bow before Him and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. The penalty for rejecting Christ is the Great White Throne Judgment and the Lake of Fire. (Revelation 19:11-13, 20:11-15)