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Visitors welcome: Thank you for visiting with us today. If you have any questions about the bible or our service, please feel free to ask questions after service.

Continued prayer requests: Sister Ceil Ellis, Sister Sue; Brother Henry; Sister Bernadette; Sister Vernelle; Sister Fannie Kelley; Sister Diane Wortman, Brother Smith, Brother Douglas, and Sister PeeWee.

Prayer requests from Last Lord's Day: Brother Butler for sin, and for his daughter who is ill; Sister Felicia for sin and for her family to return to church; Sister Netta for being late and for prayers for her family for death in family; Sister Patricia for sin and for, strength; Brother Arnold for sin; Sister Hilda thanked the church for prayers for her health, also for her husband for the loss of his aunt, for her family, and for kids to get into church and for, sin; Sister Sharp sin and for strength; Brother James for sin and his family; Brother Derries for his family; Brother Derrick for sin; Brother Jeremiah for sin; Brother DeAndray for sin; Sister Ceil for sin and for Jean; Sister Diane for her family and for Margie's health Sister Rita for Mary who is ill; Sister Lisa for sin and for strength; Brother Ellis for Verna and for Sister Williams; Brother Stuart for Brother Williams and for the Johnson family; Sister Holly for being late

Announcements

- Happy New Year and Happy Birthday to everyone with January Birthdays!
- This year the Eloy congregation is initiating a correspondence course evangelism work in coordination with the World Bible School. Mentors are needed to grade course submissions. If you are interested in participating, contact Brother Stuart.
- There will be a Total Day on January 8. There will be a meal served after morning worship. Evening worship will begin after the meal. Please invite your family and friends to worship and fellowship. There will be a short congregational meeting after worship today in preparation.
- The next Fundamental Friday is January 13 at 7:30. Meal provided
- January 14 there will be a combined Men's and Ladies bible class at 2:30
- The next area wide singing will be January 29 in Coolidge at 2:30 pm. Evening worship will be at 4:30
- Members, please bring names and addresses of delinquent members to Brother Williams, either by email or written down, so an effort can be made to bring these souls back to the Body before it is everlasting too late. Brother Williams email is eddietrustgod@yahoo.com
- There are copies of the sermons available upon request. There is no charge for them
- The Church has an active Facebook Page, please go to the page and like and share.
<https://www.facebook.com/Eloy-Church-of-Christ-516304198415758/>

*****John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another*****

Memory verse leader this week: Derries Scott 8:1-3 (KJV)

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh

Memory verse leader next week: Derrick Scott 8:1-4 (KJV)

Above verses 1-3 and:

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit

From the Ministers Desk:

Are We Saved By Faith Only?

Today the vast majority of the religious world says that they are saved by "faith only". Many good people erroneously think they are saved when they "accept Jesus as their personal savior" and say the "sinner's prayer". But where in the Bible are we told this? It is not there. This may sound good and impressive, but this is false. This is a lie of Satan. This is something man has dreamed up. Then two or three weeks later many churches encourage people to be baptized to join that denomination. They say that one does not have to be baptized to be saved because they say you are saved before you are baptized. I cannot think of a more flagrant crime against both God and Man than to teach lost sinners, who want to be saved something different than what God says in the Bible.

In this case if they are eventually baptized, their sins are not forgiven and they are not saved because their baptism was not for this purpose. They still have every sin they have ever committed and are still lost because they have believed a lie. As we read in 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12, "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth."

"Faith only" will not save anyone. In James 2:19 & 24 we read, "You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the devils believe and tremble....You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only." If all we do is believe, then we are no better than the devils. We must obey what God says to do, when God says to do it, how God says to do it, and for the reason God says to do it.

Jesus says in Mark 16:16, "He that believes and is baptized shall be saved". There is nothing hard to understand about this. A person has to have help to misunderstand what the Lord says here. Until people do what Jesus says that one must do to be saved then they are still hopelessly lost.

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

1. HEAR THE GOSPEL *Romans 10:17*. So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.
2. BELIEVE *Hebrews 11:6*. But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is and He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.
3. REPENT *Luke 13:3*. I tell you nay; but except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish.
4. CONFESS *Matthew 10:32,33*. Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.
5. BE BAPTIZED *Acts 22:16*. And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.
6. BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH *Revelation 2:10*. Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.