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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 Vernelle; Sister Fannie Kelley; Sister Diane Wortman, Brother Smith and Sister PeeWee, Sister Emily, Brother Vince, Sister Jeanette, Brother Sullivan.

Prayer requests from Last Lord's Day: Brother Darren Kyle for their grandson Cipriano and has to work this evening; Sister Patricia for missing Bible study and for Ashyra who was in a car wreck but is safe and is recovering fast; Sister Linda for her ex-husband whose family member passed; Brother Devin for sin and his family; Sister Elizabeth for sin; Sister Macquira for sin; Sister Ashne for sin and being absent from the church; Sister Felicia for sin, being late and her cousin in Memphis who is struggling with addiction; Sister Hildia for sin, family and her grandsons; Brother Ellis for his family, and for Brother Dave, and for Emily to come to church also to visit Henry more; Brother James for sin and that he receives 7 offers for college; Sister Sharon for sin, anger, and that her daughter is in church today; also great test results. and for Sister Josie as well; Sister Geronica for sin, family, and health; Brother Rashaud for sin and safe travels for Brother Stuart & Sister Holly also for Brother Butler who is worshiping in Casa Grande today; Brother Jeremiah for sin; Brother Arnold for sin and his mother; Sister Raina for sin and that she repented for her sins; Sister Asia for her family and known and unknown sins; Brother Lorenzo for sin, and his family, and his mother

Announcements

- A Congregational Meeting is scheduled today after morning worship
- The area wide singing will be held today at 2:30 in Eloy. Evening worship will begin at 4 pm
- A Spiritual Gifts Workshop will be held on February 3 at 10 a.m. Lunch will be provided.
- The First Sunday Singing for February will be at the Tonto Street Church of Christ on February 4.
- The next Fundamental Friday class will be February 9 at 7:30. Potluck
- There will be a Total Day/Bring a Friend Day on February 11. A meal will be served after morning worship. Evening worship will begin at 2:15 pm. Team 2 is responsible for service on this day.
- The Arizona Lectureship meeting will be held February 17 at 10 am in Phoenix.
- There will be a Men's training class and Ladies bible class on February 18 at 2:30 pm
- Members, please send the email addresses of delinquent members to Brother Williams 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.

*****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: James Kelley: 1 John 3:13-14 (KJV)

13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. 14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

Memory verse leader next week: ~ Darren Kyle 1 John 3:13-15(KJV)

13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. 14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. 15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

MINISTER'S NOTES

ROMANS 15:4

For everything that was written in the OLD TESTAMENT was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

Paul seems to take a bit of a detour from his main point with these words. In the previous verse, he quoted from Psalm 69 to support the idea that because Christ did not please Himself in this life, self-gratification should not be the main priority of Christ-followers.

Now Paul seems to comment on his practice—seen in Romans and throughout his other letters—of quoting Scripture to support his teaching about Christ. For the modern reader, Paul's references are from what we now call the Old Testament. It is true that Christians have died to the law in Christ and have been released from any obligation to obey the requirements of the law (Romans 7:4–6). That does not mean, however, that the scriptures from the "former days" have stopped being valuable.

Paul insists that those older Scriptures were written to teach modern Christians, not just those who read them in the former times. Those Scriptures are for us, too, to bring encouragement and hope to God's people in every generation. They help us to endure, even in and through suffering.

This verse serves as an answer to modern Christians who ask, why even bother to read the Old Testament? Regardless of age, those writings remain the revelation of the heart of God. The fact that we have been freed in Christ from following the law does not stop those 39 books from being the Word of God, full of truth, wisdom, history, and great encouragement for believers. Paul insists that we place value on those Scriptures and seek out encouragement and hope from them.