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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, Sister PeeWee, Sister Emily, Brother Vince, Brother Sullivan, Brother Hook, Sister Felecia Foughty

Prayer requests from Last Lord's Day: Brother Jelani for sin and to stay focused; Brother Darren for his son who was in an accident and for his injuries also that they will be missing evening service also for a friend's health issues with dementia, and for Sister Lula who was taken to the hospital and that she should be released today; Sister Roby for sin, and for missing Wednesday, and for a public sin, for strength to stay in the word; Sister Elizabeth for the recovery of her daughter, also for her new job; Brother Devin for sin, anger, and patience; Sister Sharon for Felicia, and for her household and family; Sister Netta for sin and patience at work, and to control temper at work, also for her daughter who is at hospital for her blood pressure and anxiety; Sister Diedra for sin and for time management; Sister Hilda thanked the church for prayers, for her mom's and mother in law's health, and for Lula and Alice; Sister Dianna for sin, and for pain in her hands while at work and to stay away from gossip at work; Brother Jeremiah for school and sin; Sister Geronica for sin, and for her children who lost their sister, and also for knee pain; Sister Mary for Sister Alice who has an infection in her blood, and also for all the family; Sister Olivia for missing last week, for Brother Sullivan who is ill, and also for her niece who is struggling; Brother Stuart for the youth team, also for the upcoming family day; Brother Rashaud for sin, and for missing due to illness, also for Laila who is sick, and for his brother's dad who is in a coma and for his grandmother

Announcements

- Today is Total/Family Day. A meal will be served after morning worship. The evening worship will begin at 2:15 pm. Team #2 is responsible for meal service and clean up today
- Memorial services for Brother Halloway will be held at the Tonto St. Church of Christ on February 14th. The viewing will begin at 10:00 AM and services will begin at 11:00 AM.
- The next Fundamental Friday class will be on February 7 at 7:30 pm. Potluck
- The next Arizona Lectureship meeting will be on February 15 at 10 am at Tonto Street Church of Christ
- The Men's Training Class and Ladies' Bible class on February 16 has been canceled
- There will be a baby shower celebration for Christina and Jelani Butler on February 16 after morning worship.
- The Fundamental Friday class for February 21 will be cancelled.
- There will be a congregational meeting on February 23 after morning worship
- The area wide singing will be February 23 at 2:30 in Eloy. Evening worship will begin at 4 pm
- The Casa Grande Church will be hosting a Ladies Day on March 22. A flyer is available in the foyer.
- Anyone needing 2024 contribution information for 2024 Tax Returns please contact Brother Stuart. Offering, AFRI and Guyana donation information can be provided.
- The church App Lightpost is now in use. Please refer to the App for notifications, prayer requests, calendared events and directory. You are also encouraged to post praise reports and prayer requests as well. See Brothers Stuart or Leandre for any needed assistance.

- 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
- Your weekly offering can be submitted electronically by Zelle to account eloycoc@outlook.com
- Copies of the sermon slides, notes and videos are available on the church website: eloychurchofchrist.org.

*****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: Devin Coleman - Philippians 2:12 (KJV)

12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Memory verse leader next week: Jelani Butler - Philippians 2:12-13 (KJV)

12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

MINISTER'S NOTES:

The Purpose of Our Worship of God (Part 1)

The purpose of our worship is to glorify, honor, praise, exalt, and please God. Our worship must show our adoration and loyalty to God for His grace in providing us with the way to escape the bondage of sin, so we can have the salvation He so much wants to give us. The nature of the worship God demands is the prostration of our souls before Him in humble and contrite submission. James 4:6, 10 tells us, "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up". Our worship to God is a very humble and reverent action.

Jesus says in John 4:23-24, "But the hour is coming, and now is, when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is a spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." It doesn't say we can worship God anyway we want, but we "must worship Him in spirit and in truth". The word "must" makes it absolute. There is no other way we can worship God and be acceptable to Him. The word "must", according to Webster, expresses "an obligation, a requirement, a necessity, a certainty, and something that must be done". When "must" is used it means that it is not optional. Here the word "must" is expressing that in spirit and in truth is the only way to acceptably worship God.

God seeks true worshippers, and He identifies them as those who "worship Him in spirit and in truth". Worshipping God in spirit means that it must be done from the heart. Worshipping God in truth means that it must be done according as God has specified in the Bible. Worshipping God in spirit and in truth is a serious matter which must not be taken lightly. If we have any regard for our own souls, we will want to make sure we are worshipping God in spirit and in truth.

Since God is the object of our worship, He and He alone has the right to determine how we are to worship Him. We read in Jeremiah 10:23, "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself, it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps." We are not granted the option of directing our own ways in religion. God is the One who we look to for guidance and direction in our lives.

Our very best in worship is due God and is prescribed by Him in the Bible. The worship God has prescribed is the only way we can be pleasing to Him in this life and finally attain everlasting life with Him in eternity. The Christian's worship is of the greatest importance.