



*Striving to be a Faithful New Testament Church
Endeavoring to Follow the Pattern of Christ's
Church Written in the New Testament*

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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; Sister Vernelle; Sister Fannie Kelley; Sister Diane Wortman, Brother Smith, Sister PeeWee, Sister Emily, Brother Vince, Brother Sullivan, Brother Hook, Sister Felecia Foughty; Sister Mary

Prayer requests from Last Lord's Day: Sister Geronica for sin, and for losses in the family; Sister Carmen for sin, and for her friend Scott's health, and for her ex-husband's health; Brother Jelani for sin, and that they will miss service tonight; Sister Shayron sin, health, and to read her bible, and for her memory; Brother Lorenzo for sin and health of his family; Sister Lorine thanked the Church for prayers for Gladys' health; Sister Peewee for recent family losses, and for her health; Sister Felicia for sin and her family; Sister Jennifer for sin, and missing Wednesday due to allergies; Sister Lisa for sin, and her niece's health; Sister Elizabeth for sin and thanked the church for prayers; Brother Devin thanked God for his family attending, and that his bible study is going well, also for missing some bible study classes; Brother Ellis thanked the church for prayers, and he has spoken to Emily and encouraged her, and she had stated she will try to come back, and prayers for her return and for others also; Brother Stuart for Holly's health, and will be out of town next week also for Diedra and Londyn and Ashyra who will worship in Tucson; Brother Rashaud for sin and his family to stay in bible; Sister Diane for her sister who has cancer; Sister Holly for Linda who will be out of town; Brother Brett for his son who is traveling; Brother Jeremiah for DeAndray and James, and his cousin, also for his mom and her mental health and for sin; Brother Darren for his friend's passing for his family

Announcements:

- There will be a congregational meeting today after morning worship.
- The next area wide singing will be today at 2:30 in Coolidge. Evening worship will begin at 4:30
- There will be a Family Day/Total Day on March 1. There will be a meal served after morning worship and evening worship will begin at 2:15 pm. Team #3 is responsible for set up/service/clean up this day
- The next Fundamental Friday class will be held March 6 at 7:30. Meal provided
- The Ignited YOUTH group will meet on March 7 and March 28
- The next Men's Training class and Ladies Bible class will be March 8 at 2:30
- The First Sunday Singing will be at Southside Church of Christ in Phoenix on March 15
- The next Arizona Lectureship Meeting will be held on March 21 at 10 am
- If anyone needs a 2025 Contribution report for tax purposes, send a text to Brother Stuart (520-709-8172)
- 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

- 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: Galatians 2:20 (NASB)

20 I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Memory verse leader next week: Jelani Butler: James 4:7 (NASB)

7 Submit therefore to God. But resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

MINISTER'S NOTES

Being Different from the World

These days, it is difficult to see the difference between Christians and non-Christians. If you listen to the way some talk, it is no different than those in the world. If you look at how they dress, it is the same as those in the world. If you see what kinds of jokes entertain them, it is no different than what entertains the world. Many Christians today have lost their distinctiveness. But that is not how Christians are to live. Christians are to be distinctive and different from the world. In 2 Corinthians 6:14-16, Paul lists several things that are not the same, and for each pair he asks the Corinthians how can fellowship exist between the two. The answer is, of course, it cannot. Then he tells the Corinthians in verse 17, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you...". Since we are no longer of the world, we are to be separate from it; we are to be different from the world. In 1 Peter 2:9, we're described as being a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a peculiar people. Each of these terms shows how different we are.

Each point to the fact that we're not like the rest of the world. We once were part of the world, but we're not any longer. We've come out of the world and now we're separate. And that is how we must remain.

Sadly, some Christians do not want to be different. They don't like sticking out or doing things that bring attention to them. They want to hide and be a Christian in secret and act like their friends out in the world. They believe that they can do everything they used to do and still be a Christian. They think they don't have to come out and be separate. In Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus compares us to light. We are to stand out in this world and be noticed. We're not doing it for our glory, but to show people the way to God. This world is a very dark place. If we hide our lights, how can we direct them to the truth? Too many Christians are hiding their lights under bushels instead of raising them high for the world to see. If we care about people, we will be different in order to lead them to God.

As Christians, we must learn to become different from the world. We must think of it as a good thing, something that is important and necessary. We, being different, are lights to the dark world. If we become dark like the world, how can anyone come to the truth? If the world cannot see our light, they will remain lost. Let's shine our lights brightly for God!