



*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 Linda for sin, and to use the correct words, also for her health; Sister Jennifer for the Colemans, and for her household; Brother Sam for being late, and for his family also for his engagement with Nikki; Sister Kyle for missing Wednesday due to work; Sister Carmen for sin, her ex-husband and her family; Sister Hilda for sin and thanked the church for prayers, and that her husband is home with her mom; Sister Josie for missing Friday; Sister Shayron for sin, and for her loss of a friend, for her health, family and her household; Sister Ashyra thanked the Church for prayers, and for being late due to traffic also for Braylon; Sister Geronica for sin, and her daughter's mental health; Sister Sharon for patience and her household; Brother Jelani for sin, and focus, also for school; Sister Diane for her health; Brother Paul for his work; Sister Diedra for sin and for Londyn's health; Brother Elmo for peer support specialist certification, and to get a job, and for his knee health; Brother Jeremiah for sin, for his household, and for his cousins and brothers to come to church; Brother Ellis for his family; Brother Rashaud for not getting his offering because he has not been paid yet

Announcements:

- There will be a Spiritual Gifts workshop today.
- The next Fundamental Friday class will be on March 20 at 7:30. Potluck
- The next Arizona Lectureship Meeting will be held on March 21 at 10 am
- The First Sunday Singing will be at Southside Church of Christ in Phoenix on March 22
- There is a Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon scheduled for March 22. The Luncheon will be catered, but Team 1 will be responsible for serving/cleanup
- There will be a Congregational meeting on March 29 after morning worship
- The next area wide singing will be March 29 at 2:30 pm in Eloy. Evening worship will begin at 4 pm
- 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: elychurchofchrist.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: Arnold Kelley -Matthew 7:7 (NASB)

7 Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Memory verse leader next week: Paul Heaton -Matthew 7:7-8(NASB)

7 Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened

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 are 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 are not like the rest of the world. We once were part of the world, but we are 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!