



*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 Elizabeth for sin and her work schedule, also for her sister Rebecca for strength; Sister Olivia for missing bible study and to study her bible, also for Isaiah; Brother Jelani for sin and for his role as husband and father and for school; Sister Mary thanked the church for support and prayers, and for prayers for strength; Sister Carmen for sin and her ex-husband and her family also for her insurance company resolution; Sister Sue for her health and nerve pain from shingles; Sister Christine to be a good mother and for Naomi also for sin and for possible surgery on her eye; Brother Paul that he has fallen short, and for his MRI results; Brother Darren for prayers as he is traveling to California; Brother Will for Sister Asia's mental health; Brother Moses thanked the church for prayers for his nephew's recovery; Brother Ellis thanked the church for prayers; Brother Stuart for Holly's back pain to find correct solution; Brother Sullivan encouragement for Christine and Paul; Brother Rashaud for sin and that his offering is short and for DeQualle

Announcements:

- There will be a Congregational meeting today after morning worship
- The area wide singing is today at 2:30 pm here in Eloy. Evening worship will begin at 4 pm
- The Next Fundamental Friday class will be on April 3 at 7:30. Meal provided.
- The first Sunday singing for April will be on April 5 at Roeser Road Church of Christ.
- There will be a Total Day/Bring a Friend Day on April 12. A meal will be served after morning worship and evening worship will begin at 2:15. Team 2 is responsible for fellowship needs this day.
- The next Arizona Lectureship meeting will be April 18 at 10 am in Phoenix
- There will be an Ignited YOUTH meeting on April 17 at 4 pm
- The next Men's Training Class and Ladies Bible class will be April 26 at 2:30 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: elaychurchofchrist.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: Stuart Fain-Matthew 7:7-9(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; 9 Or what person is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf of bread, will give him a stone?

Memory verse leader next week: Will Gossett - Ephesians 3:20 (NASB)

20 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,

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!