



*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 Ashyra for missing service last week and her family; Sister Carmen for sin and her ex-husband and her family; Sister Sue thanked the church for prayers for her health, and for missing Wednesday, also for her son during a divorce and prayers for him; Brother Jelani for sin and for car troubles and school, and for his family to keep God first, he also thanked brothers Paul and Stuart for their help; Sister Olivia for upcoming job interview and to be an example to her family; Sister Geronica for sin and being slowful, also for travel for Shayron and family; Sister Christine prayers for Naomi, and to be a godly parent also for her family and for Naomi's tournament; Sister Lisa for sin and missing due to work, and for her family to attend church, and for Pinky, his wife and family; Sister Ceil for her son's medical results; Brother Paul for his health and forgiveness for being short in his offering; Sister Felicia for sin, and her son's health; Sister Jennifer for missing bible class, and that Rashaud is working today, also for the youth preparing for Lads to Leaders conference; Sister Linda for her aunt and uncle medical issues and for encouragement for bible class students as well as parents; for William whose dog is injured; Sister Netta for sin and missing Sunday, for car troubles and she thanked the church for prayers for health, also for her sister's health and prayers to get her baptized; Sister Elizabeth for sin and for her household chaos, and to read her bible more; Brother Devin for sin, for the local fire department and his household; Sister Diane thanked the church for prayers for her grandson; Brother Elmo for him and his and cousin who have inherited a house but taxes haven't been paid and to take care of it and to help if possible; Brother Darren for the health of his wife, for Gladys who has a job interview and for his family and kids; Brother Jeremiah for his brothers and cousins who were camping, also his household and for sin.

Announcements:

- Happy birthday to those born in April!
- The first Sunday singing is today at the Roeser Road Church of Christ. The signing begins at 2:15 pm
- 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 preparation/service/cleanup on this day.
- The next Fundamental Friday class is April 17 at 7:30. Potluck
- The next Arizona Lectureship meeting will be April 18 at 10 am in Phoenix
- The next Men's Training Class and Ladies Bible class will be April 19 at 2:30 pm
- There will be an Ignited YOUTH meeting on Saturday, April 25 at 4 pm
- The next areawide singing is scheduled for April 26 in Coolidge at 2:30. Evening worship will begin at 4:30
- Tonto Street Church of Christ will host the First Sunday Singing on April 26 at 3 pm. This was moved up to coincide with their Gospel meeting.
- 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 - 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,

Memory verse leader next week: Edgar Ellis - Matthew 22:29(NASB)

29 But Jesus answered and said to them, “You are mistaken, since you do not understand the Scriptures nor the power of God”.

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!