



*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 Sue for sin and also for her blessings to reach her 75th birthday; Sister Carmen for her ex-husband, and her family, and that she is blessed to be in the congregation; Brother Elmo for his health, and for self-control; Sister Geronica for sin, and her health and her family; Sister Hilda for sin and her husband who is home with mom and baby also for her daughter and kids, and her granddaughter who is recovering from surgery; Sister Ceil thanked the church for prayers, and for an upcoming biopsy; Sister Lorine for being late to bible study; Sister Linda for missing Wednesday and Friday, and to talk to her neighbor to teach him; Sister Elizabeth for sin, and for being late today to bible study, for her household, and for her family and to be able to answer their questions also for Bethany's dental procedure; Brother Devin for sin, his household, and his family time, moving forward in study of the bible and to put God first; Brother Jeremiah for sin and for his brothers and cousins, for his household and school; Sister Holly for travel, and upcoming medical procedure; Brother Ellis for his health and family; Sandra for sin and for her mother who had a fall and for her sister traveling to Chicago

Announcements:

- Today is 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 April 25 at 4 pm
- The next Men's Training Class and Ladies Bible class will be April 19 at 2:30 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 which is April 26 - 29. There is a flier available on the bulletin board with information regarding the 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: loychurchofchrist.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: Edgar Ellis - Matthew 22:29(NASB)

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

Memory verse leader next week: Rashaud Fain - 2 Timothy 1:7 (NASB)

For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.

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!