

September 20, 2026

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, patience with her neighbor and to be a guide to them; Sister Carmen for sin, her AC outage since last Wednesday, patience from getting frustrated for delayed repairs and for her family; Sister Ashyra apologized for being late, missing previous worships, and asked prayers for better scheduling, resolving his car issue or getting a new one, guidance in her new job and making it to worship; Sister Felicia for sin, strength and her health; Brother Elmo apologized for missing Wednesday and Sunday School class and asked for prayers for his and his wife's health, for temperance, finding a job and for his uncle in law having issues; Brother Darryl for a gentleman he met this week to come to worship, his family, that his children would come back to the Lord, his mother's health and for his health with his leg issues; Sister Olivia to focus on what she should be doing that will make better example to her family; Sister Netta for sin, apologized for missing Sunday School and asked prayers for her son who blacked out this week that he goes to a doctor; Brother Jelani for sin and Christina's health; Sister Hilda for sin, her mother in law's chemo treatment tomorrow and for her son LaRon; Sister Shayron for sin, her health, her family and for her cousin Danny dealing with mental issues; Sister Elizabeth apologized for missing Sunday School, let church know Devin was unavailable due to being at the fire department, asked for prayers for patience with kids and for Troy Butler in the hospital; Sister Lorine apologized for missing Wednesday class and asked prayers for sin and for Patricia to come back to worship; Sister Ceil apologized for being late and asked prayers for her chemo treatment; Brother Jeremiah for sin, to study his Bible to be an example and for his mom; Brother Rashaud apologized for being late and asked prayers for his household, especially his wife.

Announcements:

- Brother Ladico and Sister Christina have placed their membership with Eloy. Welcome to the Church Family in Eloy
- There will be a teacher's meeting today after morning worship
- The Eloy Ladies Day will be held on September 26 beginning at 9 am
- The Central Arizona Lectureship will be held September 27 through October 1st. (with rest day on September 28)
- The Fundamental Friday class will be canceled on October 2 and 16
- The Arizona Lectureship will begin on October 11 through 15, 2026 at the Tonto Street Church of Christ
- There is a Mens' Training class and Ladies' Bible class on October 18 at 2:30
- The Ignited YOUTH members will have a meeting on October 24 at 4 pm
- 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: Rashaud Fain - Hebrews 12:2 (NASB)

² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Memory verse leader next week: Tristan Johnson - Hebrews 5:8 (NASB)

⁸ Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.

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!