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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 Olivia for missing service and thanked Paul for helping them with the lift; Kathryn (visitor) for missing church; Sister Carmen for sin, and her health, and for anxiety and being in bible and for Brother Devin; Sister Sharon for lacking reading Bible steady, for her health; Brother Elmo for his health and his wife's health and feelings of being behind; Sister Ceil for her CT scan results; Sister Shayron thanked the church for prayers, and for her health, and her shoulder and for MacQuira to come back, and her family; Brother Rashaud thanked those who reached out, and asked for forgiveness for missing bible study, for his situation at home, and to keep up with process, and to keep God first; Sister Elizabeth for her household, and to have a conversation with her siblings, also that they will miss next week and for Devin for family issues; Brother Devin for an individual who he spoke to, Art, to come to church; Brother Ellis for his brother Dennis and other family members; Brother Sammy who will be leaving Friday, and prayers for his wife while he's gone; Brother Jerimiah for sin, family and his mother;

Announcements:

- There is a Men's Training class and Ladies' Bible class today at 2:30
- The Ignited YOUth members will have a meeting on October 24 at 4 pm
- There will be a congregational meeting on October 25 after morning worship.
- The Area-Wide singing is scheduled for October 25 at 2:30 pm in Coolidge. Evening worship will begin at 4:30 pm this day
- The next Fundamental Friday class will be held October 30 at 7:30 pm. Meal provided
- There will be a Total Day/Bring a Friend Day/First Sunday singing on November 1. There will be a meal served after morning worship. The signing begins at 3 pm and evening service will begin at 4:15. Team #2 will be responsible for prep/service/clean up.
- 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: Paul Heaton - 1 Peter 1:22 (NASB)

[22] Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart

Memory verse leader next week: Brett Myers - 1 John 4:1 (NASB)

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

MINISTER'S NOTES

Theme: ***Just How Narrow Is That Way?***

Matthew 7:13-14 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Today's lessons focus on Jesus' teaching in Matthew 7:13–14, where He describes two ways and two gates. The **strait gate** represents the goal of eternal life, but Jesus emphasizes the **way** first — because the way determines whether we ever reach the gate. The **narrow way** is difficult, intentional, and singular. It requires commitment, clarity, and obedience, and only those who walk it will enter the strait gate. These lessons remind us that Christianity is not a casual path, but a purposeful walk shaped by God's revealed truth.

In the morning sermon, "*Just How Narrow Is That Way?"* we learn that the way is narrow because it forces a choice between blessing and cursing. It is narrow because God has revealed only one path to blessing — one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism. It is narrow because salvation is built around divine oneness. And it is narrow because only a few walk it, and those few must walk carefully, prioritize rightly, and remain committed. The narrow way demands daily choices, disciplined living, and a willingness to follow Christ even when the world chooses the broad path.

In the PM sermon, "*Walking the Narrow Way to the Strait Gate"*, we see that the narrow way is not a New Testament idea — it is God's eternal pattern. God has always provided one singular way. He has always required His people to walk distinctly, without turning aside or blending with the world. And He has always relied on a faithful remnant to preserve His truth. Throughout Scripture, God's people succeed when they follow His narrow way with conviction, courage, and humility.

Together, these lessons remind us that the strait gate is the destination — but the narrow way is the journey. Our calling is to walk that way intentionally, faithfully, and without compromise, trusting that God's path has always been the only path that leads to life.

Proverbs 4:25-27 Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil.