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Striving to be a Faithful New Testament Church
Endeavoring to Follow the Pattern of Christ's
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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 missing bible study and thanked all who helped support during funeral services; Brother DK for being late for bible study, and for family members to come to church; Brother Devin spoke the gospel during funeral services and for patience; Sister Roby for being late for sin and her family; Sister Felicia for sin by putting world and family before God, and for her family; Sister Sue brother's health; Sister Carmen for sin, health, and competition Saturday, to be bible focused, and for her family; Sister Shayron sin, anger, and to remain humble and ignore those who are negative for her family and health; Sister Asia for sin; Sister Ashyra for missing, her work situation, and new jobs, and traveling grace for her family; Brother Roy for sin and clarified that Paul helped to transport him to church when his lift was broken; Rashaud's friend's family for death in the family also thanked everyone for help; Sister Holly anxiety and pressure; Brother Ellis for his family; Brother Stuart for Diedra's health, Linda's health, and traveling tomorrow; Sister Toye for her mom; Sister Lorine for her family attending today; Brother Darryl to trust in God for the future of his family

Announcements:

- There will be a congregational meeting today after morning worship.
- The area wide singing is scheduled for today 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.
- There is a combined Men's Training Class/Ladies Bible class on November 8 at 2:30 pm
- The Ignited YOUth meeting has been moved to Saturday November 7th at 4:00 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: 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: 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.

Memory verse leader next week: Darryl McDaniel - Acts 17:11 (NASB)

[11] Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.

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!