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Are You Ready???

Elder Kilgore Teaches Us How To Get Ready:



To be born in sin is to be born in trouble.

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The way of holiness is the way to God

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The name "holy" means to be sinfree.

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The Bible is the word of God written by men, but inspired.by

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You can only be saved by obeying the word of God.

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Religion is a dangerous thing to have without salvation.

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Sunday School Review: "The Necessity Of Repentance" Scriptures: St. Matthew 3:11; Acts 3:19-20



"I Am Sorry God"

Repentance is very necessary for your salvation. You are not likely to get saved unless you have a repenting heart. To repent means to be sorry. When you repent, or turn from your sins, you are apologizing to God for having a previous life of sin. God accepts this apology as a godly repentance.

Along with your apology, you must regret that you have ever committed sin. In addition, you will be so convicted with self-reproach over your previous life of sin that every desire to repeat any acts of sin that you have knowledge of will be completely removed from your life.

John the Baptist introduced the first process of repentance in his gospel messages. John's gospel presented repentance as being the foundation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. When repentance has not been included with a person's approach to the throne of grace, then the efforts that they are making to come to Christ will not be accepted.

When repentance is not initiated by a sinner, grace will not be available. The Holy Spirit will not be present to assist a person's religious motives when they fail to repent.

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#### **Schedule Of Weekly Church Services**

### **Sunday Services:**

Sunday School 10:30 A.M. Noon Day Service 12:00 P.M. Young Peoples' Union 7:00 P.M.

#### **Weekday Services:**

Monday 8:00 P.M.
Tuesday (Purity Club) 8:00 P.M.
Wednesday 8:00 P.M.
Friday 8:00 P.M.

**Upcoming Events: 2022/2023** 

### **2022**

Ten-Day Fast & Prayer Oct 28<sup>th</sup> - Nov 6th Revival: 8:00 PM Nightly

ival: 8:00 PM Nightly (Sun Eve - 7:00 PM)

2023

Ten-Day Fast & Prayer Feb 3rd - Feb 12th Revival: 8:00 PM Nightly

(Sun Eve - 7:00 PM)

#### Hear Ye. Hear Ye!!



Visit our website for Elder Kilgore's series of sermon books entitled "Saved from Sin" now available for reading and/or printing at www.thecoggopa.org

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Elder Alonzo F. Kilgore Founder

### The Good News Preacher's Message To All

# Where Should We Worship?

In St. John 4:23, Jesus was speaking to a Samaritan woman who was very much concerned about where she should worship. This question should be a very important concern of Christians today. It is difficult to recognize a church that God assembled from a church that a man has assembled. The church should be the light of the world. The spiritual meaning of the word light means righteousness. Righteousness should be the controlling knowledge of a church assembly. Now a

church is not a building, but people who have been made righteous to live a righteous life after being born again. A church with the light of righteousness in it will teach the truth. Only the teachings of the true gospel can set you free from sin.

The Holy Spirit is the only Spirit that can teach the true gospel. A preacher who is not filled with the Holy Spirit cannot preach the truth. If a church is not being conducted by a Holy Ghost sent preacher, then the truth will not be in the church, and all of the corrupt practices that are being done in the world will be done in the church. The church will be no different from a local lodge, or social club. So then, you should worship God where the truth is being taught.

# **Come Out From Among Them:**

Your church cannot be clean when the members are not clean. The church should consist of people that are living a sin-free life. If the same corrupt practices of sin taking place in the world are taking place in your church, then God is not in your church. God only occupies people and not buildings. Whatever sins the members commit is what they are. If they are committing fornication, then they are fornicators. You cannot be a fornicator, adulterer, gambler, and liquor drinker and think God is in your life or your church. God will not dwell in an unclean temple. If you are in a church where the members do such sinful practices, listen to what the Bible teaches you to do if you want to be saved in II Corinthians 6:17:

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.

God has not received nor saved anybody who is a member of an unclean church. A church assembly where sin practicing members attend is considered as being defiled by God.

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Sister Annette Kilgore

Co-Founder

# Sis Kilgore's Purity Club Message:

# Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone?

Once we make up in our minds that we want to repent and obey the word of God, then comes a 'cross'. A cross is no more than a temptation from the adversary (the devil) to test our obedience and determination.

Obedience to God's word will definitely bring a cross. Do not fear, because just as Jesus bore his cross, He will definitely give you the strength that you need to make it. In Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3, it lets us know that there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven, and there will be a time for us to have our cross: Read Verses 1-6:

- Verse 1 To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
- Verse 2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
- Verse 3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and A time to build up;
- Verse 4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- Verse 5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
- Verse 6 A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

Remember, God knows the very intent of your heart, and you must be determined to go through. If you hold out, victory will be yours in the end. Also we are taught in St. Matthew 16:24 what we must do when we are following Christ:

Verse 24 - Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. (Cont*inued on page* 5)

# **The Sick And Special Prayer List**

### **Sick List:**

Bella Roberts
Bobbie Roberson
Dietra Wynn
Helen Smith
India Miller
Joanna Randolph
Linda Steiner
Mary Owenby

Miss Ollie Miss Sue Ms. McIntyre Nancy Owen Nelsa-Lee Brown Robin Bennett The Gray Brothers Tony Meachum

### **Special Prayer List:**

Billy & Loretta Payton
Bonnie Warren
Cecil & Leona Moore
Christy Adams
Heather & Leigh Gray
Jennifer Lawson's Family
Jessie Douglas
Jimmy Coates
Law Enforcement Personnel

Paula Covington
People of Ukraine
President Joe Biden & Admin
Rita Covington
The Dorsey Family
The Douglas Sisters
The Moore Family
Tonya Williams & Family
US & Allied Troops
Vicky Kingdom

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Pam Fisher

"... THE EFFECTUAL FERVENT PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN AVAILETH MUCH" (JAMES 5:16). THE CHURCH OF GOD, GOSPEL OF PEACE ASSOCIATION RECEIVES PRAYER REQUESTS ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS FROM VISITORS, FRIENDS, RELATIVES, COWORKERS, NEIGHBORS, AND OTHER CONTACTS. EACH MONTH WE WILL INCLUDE A LIST OF THOSE WHO HAVE REQUESTED PRAYER.

If you desire prayer for yourself or someone else, please send your request (s) to:

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### **Sis Kilgore's Purity Club Message:** (Continued from page 4)

If we have a mind to follow Christ, then we must be willing to suffer in the flesh, let Christ have his way with us, and believe that he will deliver us, just as he was delivered by his Father. The mountain may seem hard to climb, but if we hold out, deliverance will surely come. When we enter the kingdom of heaven, we shall wear a golden crown. So, must Jesus bear the cross alone, and all the world go free? No, because there is a cross for everyone and that includes you and me.

If Jesus loved us enough to bear his cross for us, we should love him enough to bear our cross for him, and this can only be done if we are obedient to his word. Remember, the way of the cross leads home.

# May God Bless You Real Good, And Pick Up Your Cross!

<u>To Our Readers:</u> If you have enjoyed reading the gospel messages, the articles, working the puzzles, or any other features in the Gopa News, please let us hear from you. We value your comments and appreciate the time and attention that you give our publication.

### Bible Vocabulary Puzzle #139

Book	Chapter	Verse	Word	Answer
St. Luke	22	8	6	
Jeremiah	14	6	5	
St. John	1	33	12	
Joel	3	21	16	
II Samuel	1	5	5	
Song of Solomon	8	5	9	
II Timothy	1	9	5	
Isaiah	61	1	17	
Amos	9	1	3	
I Peter	3	21	6	
Habakkuk	3	18	14	
St. Matthew	3	8	7	
I Corinthians	1	11	1	
Genesis	9	7	12	
Acts	10	43	18	
Philemon	1	5	2	
Leviticus	16	16	28	

Puzzle Answer:		

Found In (Book, Chapter, and Verse):

Our thanks to **Frank** and **Betty King** of Columbia, MD for once again completing and submitting their answers to last issue's Bible Vocabulary and Word Search puzzles.

May God Bless You!

### Bible Vocabulary Puzzle Rules:

- 1. Find the book, chapter and verse given at the top of the first column on the puzzle page.
- 2. Start with the first word in that verse and count each word until you find the number given under the word column.
- 3. Write the word that you find on the blank line under answer.
- 4. Follow this same procedure for each book, chapter, verse, and word given.
- 5. When all words are filled in, reading from top to bottom of the answer column, you will have a Bible message. Write that message in the space provided under "Answer".
- 6. Next, search the scriptures to find the location of this familiar Bible message. Then write the answer on the puzzle page under "Found In", showing the book, chapter, and verse of the scripture found.
- 7. Complete the remaining lines, showing your full name and mailing address. Clip out the entire puzzle with answer, and send to:

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(Please return answers as soon as possible for printing in the next issue).

# **Bible Memory Verse**

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (II Peter 3:9)

### The Lord's Prayer:

(A Prayer to Pray Each Day - St. Matthew 6:9-13)

"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."

### Bible Word Search:

Search To Find Words Related To "The Importance Of Being Born Again While There Is Still Time", As Found In I Thessalonians 5:1-10:

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DAY
DESTRUCTION
DRUNKEN
ESCAPE
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HELMET
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#### **Bible Trivia Activity:**

Unscra	amble the	following	verse of so	cripture to	find out w	hat Jesus'	answer to	Nicodemus	was v	when he
asked,	"How car	n a man be	born whe	n he is old	l?					

One Purity Club activity, the Sword Drill, is a scripture-finding exercise. The participants stand in line and they are asked to find scriptures, responding to this call - "Thumbs to the backs of your Bibles, draw swords one two, find St. Matthew 5:48", for example.

In a matter of seconds, ten or less, participants attempt to find the scripture called. The first to locate it says, "I have it" stepping out of line quickly with their trigger (index) finger pointing to the verse called. The scorekeeper checks the scriptures and if found correctly, the individual gets one point. If a person announces that they have found the scripture called, and they actually have not, they lose a point. The person who successfully finds three scriptures first earns three points, and is the winner or champion of that particular round.

At the end of each month all winners of the weekly sword drill rounds compete in a Champion of Champions round. The winner of that round becomes the monthly. "Champion of Champions" and receives a prize. "Thumbs To The Backs Of Your Bibles, Draw Swords, ONE, TWO!"



Eva Gray
Sword Drill Champion of Champs for September 2022

# The Good News Preacher's Message To All (Continued from page 3)

A saved person is the temple of God, and if they go to a church where other members are practicing sin, their very presence there means that they are defiling themselves. Listen I Corinthians 3:16-17:

- Verse 16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?
- Verse 17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

If you are saved, you are filled with the Spirit of God, and if you go to a church where the members practice sin, your very presence there means that you are defiling the temple of God. If you continue to defile the temple of God, God will reject, judge and destroy you. You must come out from among the unclean, sin practicing church assemblies to be acceptable to God, and God will keep you sanctified.

#### **Answers To Last Issues Bible Word Search**

### **Answers To Last Issue's Bible Vocabulary Puzzle**

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# Answers To Last Issue's Bible Trivia Activity:

### Closet Shut Secret Reward

(St. Matthew 6:6)

<u>Book</u>	<u>Chap</u>	<u>Verse</u>	<u>Word</u>	<u>Answer</u>
Esther	3	13	29	Children
Genesis	27	8	5	Obey
Hosea	4	14	5	Your
St. Mark	13	12	22	Parents
Judges	5	18	14	In
Exodus	29	11	5	The
Genesis	21	1	3	Lord
Ezra	10	4	2	For
Ecclesiastes	7	10	23	This
Ruth	4	17	12	Is
St. Matthew	5	29	4	Right
I Timothy	1	17	13	Honour
Revelation	2	2	3	Thy
Colossians	1	12	5	Father
St. Matthew	4	6	1	And
Galatians	4	26	11	Mother
II Samuel	20	8	8	Which
Numbers	14	18	3	Is
St. Matthew	5	21	26	The
Haggai	2	3	12	First
Psalm	19	8	12	Commandment
Genesis	42	4	8	With
I Kings	8	56	29	Promise

# Answer to Last Issue's Bible Vocabulary Puzzle:

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise (Ephesians 6:1-2)

# "And, behold, I come quickly..."

(Revelation 22:12)

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