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Are You Ready???

Elder Kilgore Teaches Us How To Get Ready:



If you follow the instructions that the word of God gives, it will lead you to safety. Sunday School Review: "The Power Of God Unto Salvation" Scriptures: Romans 1:16





The Holy Bible: The Word of God

The Holy Ghost that is presently moving upon the earth is as real as the sun that you see in the sky. The Holy Ghost is the third person in the Trinity of God; it is the third part of God. Jesus is the second part of God, and He administers the word of God, which gives us the knowledge of God. The Holy Ghost administers power and guidance to lead us through life according to the knowledge that Jesus taught.

The knowledge that Christ gives is grace from God, and the Holy Ghost activates this knowledge into our lives when we believe the knowledge. The Holy Ghost gives us power to live according to the knowledge. When you believe the word of God, something happens to you. You will be able to see your life make a turnabout from sin to righteousness by a power that is working in you. This turnabout will not be by your own efforts, but by the grace of God that will be upon you, being administered by the Holy Ghost.

This will be a miraculous work of God giving you the new-birth. The only part that you would have played in this miraculous work of God would be your belief in the word of God. Believing the word causes the power of the Holy Ghost to find you and to administer the new-birth to you.

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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

<u>2022</u>

Ten-Day Fast & Prayer Feb 4th – Feb 13th 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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The Good News Preacher's Message To All

Are The Symptoms Of Sin Still In Your Life?

A person who desires to be saved should not come to God looking for salvation in a church because of family traditions. To receive salvation in Jesus Christ, a person should come to God with an open mind to receive an understanding from the word of God of what is required to be saved. The understanding that they desire to receive should not be based upon their prior religious teaching that has failed to give them salvation.

Any sensible person would not go to a doctor to ask for medicine that is the same as the medicine that they have taken that did not cure their sickness. When they have the same symptoms using the same medicine, they would not ask the doctor to give them the same medicine.

It is the symptoms that revealed the effectiveness of the medicine. When a religious teaching allows the person to have a continuous life of sin, it is the symptoms of sin that reveal the effectiveness of their religious teaching. When sin is still in a person's life, their religious teaching has failed them.

Jesus Is Looking For A Mind To Be Born In:

Jesus brought the best and most important benefits to the world, and the world did not want Jesus. Jesus has never been wanted by the majority of the people in the world, but God so loved the world that He did not give us what we wanted, but He gave us what we needed.

A sacrifice is an inconvenience and a hardship. It is a price to pay that will cause you to experience difficulties. Jesus is the expressed image of God, and a Son given to be a sacrifice for the world that did not want Him. God's love for the world moved Him to consider our needs, and not allow our ungrateful attitudes to prevent Him from giving us what we needed. We needed a sacrifice for our sins that our souls might be spared from damnation; so God gave a part of Himself to save our souls.

There are a good many people on the earth who think that they do not need Jesus. They think that Jesus is okay for poor folk; therefore, no room for Jesus is in government nor the lives of those who are content with the wealth of the world. There is no room for Jesus in the hearts of people who are doing pretty good. Many people of the world have set their minds at counsel against the true teachings of the gospel, and they don't believe that Jesus was sent to the earth to save the people from their sins. Such people have rejected the love of God, and they think that living free-from sin is foolish.

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Sister Annette Kilgore *Co-Founder*

Sis Kilgore's Purity Club Message:

The Lord Has Done Great Things For Me

The Lord has done great things for me whereof I am glad (Psalm 126:3). The Lord saved me from the dark, ugly sins that had me bound. He saved me from sins that made me ashamed of being me, sins that caused me to try to end my life, sins that caused me to hate my neighbor and to do evil for evil to many people, sins that caused me to lie, steal and anything that I felt I wanted to do.

One day, in October 1974, on a Sunday morning, something began to trouble my mind. Something began to disturb me to the point that I could not even go about doing my

work in the kitchen. I could feel something pulling me away from my work and pressing me to go back to my first religious teaching. That was the teaching that I had received from my parents as a result of being under the leadership of the late Elder and Sister Michaux. This teaching had been instilled in my heart and mind when I was a very young child and my parent were members of The Church of God, Gospel Spreading Association.

This teaching is like a seed that is planted, and one day that seed germinates, and a little plant begins to peek up out of the ground (your heart or mind) and it serves as a reminder of all the things that you have been taught down through the years of your life. This seed cannot remain in the ground because once God plants it there, in time, God will cause it to grow and increase. When it springs up, it begins to spread out. Spiritually speaking, the seed of my mind began to spring up and spread out in my mind, to the extent that it overpowered my thoughts and would not let me rest until I dropped everything and decided that I would indeed return to the old way, the first teaching, my first love, Jesus.

Today I am saved from those sins, not because I had any power to stop sinning, not because someone liked me so much and caused me to stop, but because of God's great mercy, longsuffering, patience and his great love for me. I realize that I am no longer my own, because I was purchased by Christ when he died for me. Now I must strive to keep what God has given me, and to keep a mind to let his will be done in my life each day. The Lord has done great things for me whereof I am glad. God can do the same for you, if you invite him in. Lord, please help me to hold on.

May The Lord God Bless You Real Good In The New Year!

The Sick And Special Prayer List

Sick List:

Bella Roberts
Bobbie Roberson
Dietra Randolph
Helen Smith
India Miller
Joanna Randolph
Tony Ashcroft's Mth-in-Law

Linda Steiner
Mary Owenby
Ms. McIntyre
Nancy Owen
Ralph Frady
Rhoda Dorsey-Nickens
Robert Hill
The Gray Brothers

Tony Meachum

Special Prayer

List:

Alan Frady Brian Frady Billy & Loretta Payton Bonnie Warren Cecil & Leona Moore Christy Adams Heather & Leigh Gray Jimmy Coates

Josie Blackwell

Law Enforcement Personnel President Joe Biden & Family The Dorsey Family The Douglas Sisters Tonya Williams US & Allied Troops Vicky Kingdom

PRAYER REQUESTS

"... 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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Sunday School Review: (Continued from page 1)

Nothing else but your belief in the word of God can cause the Holy Ghost to find you. You would then be experiencing the power of God unto salvation.

To Our Readers:

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.

May God Bless You!

Bible Vocabulary Puzzle #136

Book	Chapter	Verse	Word	Answer
Genesis	2	24	1	
Revelation	1	15	9	
Ecclesiastes	1	10	3	
Hebrews	1	1	9	
Acts	10	48	6	
Joel	2	15	4	
St. Matthew	27	22	15	
Colossians	1	17	1	
Obadiah	1	20	27	
I John	1	8	18	
Leviticus	23	16	19	
Galatians	6	15	15	
Ezra	4	19	17	
I Timothy	4	11	2	
Philippians	4	8	5	
St. Mark	6	53	5	
St. John	5	13	16	
Hosea	2	6	2	
Zechariah	12	14	1	
Habakkuk	1	14	13	
Micah	1	4	25	
I Kings	2	15	31	
Exodus	1	8	6	

Answer:

Where Found:

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 time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel."

(The words of Jesus - from St. Mark 1:15)

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 Holy Spirit Replacing The Sinful Nature" As Found In Galatians Chapter 5, Verses 17-23:

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Bible Trivia Activity:

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"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God".
This lesson is true even today. When Jesus first taught this lesson, to whom was he explaining this?
In what scripture (book, chapter and verse) is this very important lesson found?
(Answer will appear in next issue – page 9)

The Purity Club Champion of Champions:

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
Honorary Sword Drill Champion of Champs for
January 2022

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

The same attitude of rejection to Jesus today was evident when Jesus was sent to the earth. There was no room in the Inn when Jesus' parents arrived in Bethlehem to be taxed. A stable was the only available accommodations for Jesus to be born in. Today Jesus is looking for a place to be born in the minds of people, and very few people are offering Jesus a place in their minds to give them the new birth. The people of today do not want the birth of a new mind to live a righteous life; they prefer a life of sinful pleasures.

Answers To Last Issues Bible Word Search

Answers To Last Issue's Bible Vocabulary Puzzle



BEGOTTEN	НАТЕТН	WHOSOEVER
BELIEVETH	LIFE	WORLD
CONDEMN	LIGHT	WROUGHT
DARKNESS	LOVED	
DEEDS	MANIFEST	
DOETH	ONLY	
EVERLASTING	REPROVED	
EVIL	SAVED	
GAVE	SON	
GOD	TRUTH	

Answers To Last Issue's Bible Trivia Activity:

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."

St. Matthew 2:10

<u>Book</u>	<u>Chap</u>	<u>Verse</u>	<u>Word</u>	<u>Answer</u>
Genesis	26	1	1	And
St. Luke	1	20	2	Behold
Amos	5	23	2	Thou
Acts	22	15	3	Shalt
Job	15	35	2	Conceive
St. Matthew	11	8	12	In
Ruth	2	12	4	Thy
St. Luke	1	15	33	Womb
Isaiah	40	6	5	And
Ecclesiastes	12	14	4	Bring
St. Mark	1	41	7	Forth
I Samuel	1	15	11	A
Colossians	4	10	9	Son
Esther	2	3	1	And
Acts	16	31	12	Shalt
Job	14	15	3	Call
Titus	1	3	7	His
Genesis	2	11	2	Name
I John	4	15	5	Jesus

Answer:

"And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus."

St. Luke 1:31

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

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