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Are You Ready???

Elder Kilgore Teaches Us How To Get Ready:



Repentance means to turn from your sins.

The way of holiness is the way to God.

The way that you become holy is to obey God.

God desires to save you, but he cannot repent for you.

Living in peace is a part of being holy.

You don't have to be lost because you are a sinner.

Christ lived what he preached.

Sunday School Review: "A Spiritual War Requires A Spiritual Weapon To Win"

Scriptures: Ephesians 6:11-17



The Sword of the Spirit: The Word of God

When you are born into this world, you are born into a war. It is a spiritual war between right and wrong. A spiritual war is not against flesh and blood, but against spiritual wickedness. Unless you are born again, you will be fighting for the devil against the righteousness of God.

There are no neutral grounds in this war, neither is there any discharge from the war. If you are not with Christ, you are against Him. Going to church won't put you on the right side to fight, you must have the right spirit to be on the right side, because this is a spiritual war. Listen to Ephesians 6:12 and 17:

Verse 12 - For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

In order to win a spiritual war, you must use the sword of the Spirit, which is knowledge of the word of God.

Verse 17 - And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

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Schedule Of Weekly Church Services

Sunday Services:

Sunday School10:30 A.M.Noon Day Service12:00 P.M.Young Peoples' Union7:00 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 May 4th – May 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

Is Your Hope In The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ?

Whenever your hope is in the promises of the word of God, the resurrection of Jesus Christ will keep your hope motivating you to obey the word of God. Your hope will be nothing less than Jesus Christ and His righteousness. To hope for anything less than the promises of God is vanity. It is because Jesus lives that our hope can live. God will give the Holy Spirit to those who have hope in the promises of God. Such people will adore the birth of Jesus, and truly

thank God for His resurrection. When folk don't believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the mystery of godliness will be hidden from them.

The plan of salvation is only revealed to those who are willing to accept it. Jesus was so endowed with the love God gave to save the people of the world that He spoke the truth in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation. Jesus taught that though God had promised death to those who died in disobedience to Him, that God's love had sent Him to change the program by His dying for those who had been condemned by their sins.

The message which Jesus brought was hope for every person. Satan was the adversary of God and man who brought doubt into the minds of those who saw Jesus die that they would ever see Him again in life. Even the disciples of Jesus scattered at His crucifixion in doubt of whether or not they would see Him again. Until this present day many of the precious seed of Abraham doubt that Jesus ever rose, but there were also those who did believe and waited for Jesus' resurrection.

The angels said unto Mary and her companion when they were looking for Jesus at the grave site, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen". The day of the resurrection of Jesus was the brightest day that the world has ever seen. Jesus was a wonderful and great Savior. God had all the experiences of Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection recorded in the Bible for our learning and information that we might rejoice in knowing that we have salvation, and that death is only a sweet dream to those who are born again.

The Resurrection

Only your faith can give you a witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, it substantiates your belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The

Holy Spirit causes the life of Christ to be resurrected in your life. When this happens you are a true witness to the resurrection of Christ. If Christ is not risen in your life then your faith is vain, and you will be a false witness of Christ. (Continued on page 8)



Sister Annette Kilgore *Co-Founder*

Sis Kilgore's Purity Club Message:

The New Life In Christ:

If you have experienced the new life in Christ, you have truly been born again. The new life in Christ is a life filled with the fruit of the Holy Spirit of God. You will know if you have truly been born again because these spiritual qualities will be a part of your life everyday. In Galatians 5:22-23, the Bible tells us how to identify these qualities:

Verse 22 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

The new life in Christ causes you to walk in the Spirit of Christ; therefore, you will have no desire to want to satisfy the flesh. You must kill self on a daily basis. You must work hard to deny yourself of the things that are undesirable to God. If you still have a mind to participate in sinful habits, then you have not been born again. The Bible teaches that no one involved in such things shall inherit the kingdom of God. Galatians 5:19 -21 teaches us:

- Verse 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,
- Verse 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,
- Verse 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Dear ones, it pays to examine yourself everyday to see if you have truly experienced the new life in Christ. If you find that you have not been born again, then today is the day for you to seek God to save you.

May God Bless You Real Good!

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 Sue
Ms. McIntyre
Nancy Owen
Nelsa-Lee Brown
Rhoda Dorsey-Nickens
Robin Bennett
Ronald Hawkins
The Gray Brothers
Tony Meachum

Special Prayer List:

Billy & Loretta Payton
Bonnie Warren
Cecil & Leona Moore
Christy Adams
Heather & Leigh Gray
Jimmy Coates
Law Enforcement Personnel
People of Poland

People of Ukraine
President Joe Biden & Admin
The Dorsey Family
The Douglas Sisters
The Moore Family
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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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 #137

Book	Chapter	Verse	Word	Answer
St. Luke	1	38	8,9	
Numbers	14	18	3	
St. Matthew	10	39	16	
Deuteronomy	32	4	4	
Isaiah	59	21	19, 20	
Psalm	144	2	5	
Ezekiel	5	6	13, 14	
Romans	11	26	19	
Hosea	2	23	44, 45	
Hebrews	12	5	14	
I Chronicles	26	8	18	
Leviticus	13	45	4. 5	
Genesis	6	7	10	
Job	41	3	1	
Ruth	2	12	26	
Jeremiah	2	27	7	
Proverbs	2	7	12	
Numbers	4	14	21, 22	
Lamentations	2	3	11, 12	
Micah	7	7	15, 16	
Judges	9	11	13, 14	
Acts	5	24	4	
St. Mark	12	1	32	

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:

("For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succored thee, behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

(II Corinthians 6:2)

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 Blood That Jesus Shed On Calvary" As Found In The Book of St. Luke Chapter 23, Verses 20-46:

CALVARY
COMMEND
CROSS
CRUCIFIED
DEATH
DELIVERED
FATHER
FORGIVE
JESUS
KINGDOM
MALEFACTORS
MOCKED
PARADISE
PILATE
PREVAILED
PRIESTS
RAIMENT
RELEASED
SENTENCE
SIMON
SPIRIT
VINEGAR
WEEP

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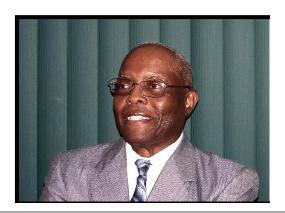
Bible Trivia Activity:										
Unscramble the words below from the following verse of scripture, and fill in the blanks: elvi oodg midssiliotuan										
"Let love be without that which is			. Abhor that which is	s; and cleave to						
In what book, chapter and verse is this scripture found?(Answer will appear in next issue)										

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!"



Peter Douglas
Honorary Sword Drill Champion of Champs for March 2022

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

Listen to I Corinthians 15:14:

Verse 14 - And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

In order for Christ to be risen in your life, you must also be partaker of Christ's crucifixion. This means your carnal life of sinful practices must be crucified with Christ, and the new life that you live will be Christ living in you. Listen to Galatians 2:20: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me".

Answers To Last Issues Bible Word Search

Answers To Last Issue's Bible Vocabulary Puzzle

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FLESH FORNICATION FRUIT	JOY KINGDOM LOVE	SPIRIT UNCLEANNESS

Answers To Last Issue's Bible Trivia Activity:

- 1. Nicodemus
- 2. St John 3:3

<u>Book</u>	<u>Chap</u>	<u>Verse</u>	<u>Word</u>	<u>Answer</u>
Genesis	2	24	1	Therefore
Revelation	1	15	9	If
Ecclesiastes	1	10	3	Any
Hebrews	2	6	11	Man
Acts	10	48	6	Be
Joel	2	15	4	In
St. Matthew	27	22	15	Christ
Colossians	1	17	2	Не
Obadiah	1	20	27	Is
II John	1	8	18	A
Leviticus	23	16	19	New
Galatians	6	15	15	Creature
Ezra	4	19	17	Old
I Timothy	4	11	2	Things
Philippians	4	8	5	Are
St. Mark	6	53	5	Passed
St. John	5	13	16	Away
Hosea	2	6	2	Behold
Zechariah	12	14	1	All
Habakkuk	1	14	13	Things
Micah	1	4	25	Are
I Kings	2	15	32	Become
Exodus	1	8	6	New

Answer:

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (II Corinthians 5:17)

Note: Our apologies for errors in last issue's puzzle. Correct scriptures are highlighted above (Lines 4, 8, 10 & 22).

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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