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Are You Ready???

Elder Kilgore Teaches Us How To Get Ready:



Evil is spreading rapidly.

Salvation means to be delivered from a life of sinful practices.

You must be taught the correct way to be saved by someone who has experienced it.

The first effort towards acquiring salvation in Jesus Christ is to repent.

When you commit sin, you are obeying the devil.

You are a nice person, but you have to be saved (from sin).

If God is in your church, he would be teaching you how to live above sin.

To be born again means to lose the old mind, and allow it to be replaced with the mind of Christ.

To be holy is to live a sin-free life at all times.

Sunday School Review: "The Goodness Of God Leads You To Repentance"

Scriptures: Romans 2:4; I Timothy 6:5



Among most Christian denominations today, people talk about the goodness of God. In many cases their reference is to how God has blessed them, or their Christian organizations to prosper materially. Such prosperity could be in their church organizations in the form of beautiful buildings and many financial holdings. Many members might also have acquired great wealth in their personal lives.

As a result of such prosperity, they conclude that God has been good to them. The Bible teaches that the riches and goodness of God lead to repentance and not just material blessings. In the book of Romans 2:4 it reads as follows: "Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?"

If you have repented from the practice of sin, then God has indeed been good to you. A Christian can have material and financial prosperity and still be living in sin. To suppose that material gain is godliness is an error. Material gain is for your comfort, and that a good steward may properly distribute to other needy persons. Material gain has nothing to do with godliness or righteousness.

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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: 2026**2026****Ten-Day Fast & Prayer Revival:**

**Feb 6th – Feb 15th
8:00 pm Nightly
(Sun Eve - 7:00 pm)**

**Visit our website for Elder Kilgore's series of sermon books
entitled “Saved from Sin” now available for reading and/or**

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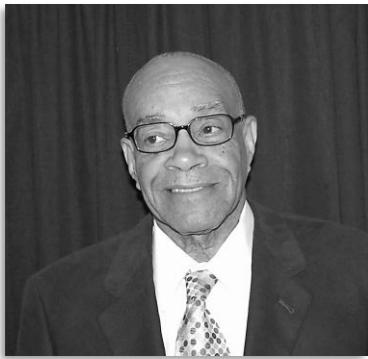
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The Good News Preacher's Message To All



Elder Alonzo F. Kilgore
Founder

The Call

There is a call being made at this present time, and very few people are answering the receiver. The call is an invitation from God. God is making a call to the people of the earth to be invited to live in His kingdom. Listen to St. Matthew 11:28-30:

Verse 28 - *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

Verse 29 - *Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*

Verse 30 - *For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

This is the invitation that God is extending to the world. Jesus is the messenger for God who is extending this invitation that we might come unto Him, and that He might take us to God. God is offering an invitation to us to live in a society where sin will no longer be a burden to us. The things of this life that are sinful, or sin related that keep us burdened and worried is what God wants to relieve us of.

Sin is a burden upon the hearts and minds of any man or woman no matter who they are. The things that people are compelled to do by the power of the carnal nature that are not right have condemned them. Unless we get relief from the burden of sin, it will destroy our hope and eventually our lives.

Yoke Up With Jesus

When Jesus came to the earth, He was the word of God made flesh. Jesus was the word of God itself, sheltered in a human body. In St. John 1:1-2 it teaches that, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God".

Jesus was the word of God that was with God in the beginning, and everything that God created was made by the word of God. God later sent His word to the earth to dwell among the people of the earth, and they beheld His glory, which was the glory of the only begotten of the Father who was full of grace and truth. Jesus offered salvation to the world that was free, and He never failed to teach the truth. Jesus extended His hand to everybody and said, come unto me and learn of me; take my yoke upon you, *(Continued on page 8)*



Sister Annette Kilgore
Co-Founder

Sis Kilgore's Purity Club Message

The Lord Is Not Slack Concerning His Promise:

“When thou shalt vow a vow unto the Lord thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the Lord thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee” (Deuteronomy 23:21).

When God makes a promise in his word, we can rest assured that he will fulfill it. It is not the will of God that anyone should perish. In other words, God desires that everyone repent and be saved (II Peter 3:9). It takes longsuffering, many sacrifices and faith to be saved. Once we repent and turn from doing wrong, God’s word promises that divine help will come.

In Hebrews 6:12 it teaches us, “That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises”. In II Timothy 2:19 it teaches us, “Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity”.

God’s word teaches, “For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease” (Job 14:7). God promised to never leave us nor forsake us, (this is only for those who obey). “But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil” (Proverbs 1:33).

Now if you want God to keep his promises to you, you cannot mix and mingle with those who practice sin, and try to please God at the same time. To please God means to deny self. If you want God to hear you when you pray, then stop your sinful habits and let his word rule you. God will bless you if you obey his word, but God will suffer damnation to come upon you if you disobey.

So dear ones, if you are out there and you are trying to get your prayers answered, repent from all that you know is wrong and be determined to do all that you know is right. Keep your word with God, and God will keep his promise to you. Remember dear ones, “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).

May The Lord Bless You Throughout The New Year!



The Sick And Special Prayer List

Sick List:

Anna Grace
Bella Roberts
Bobbie Roberson
Camile & Don Ziegler
Desmond Martin
Helen Smith
India Miller
Joshua Travers

Linda Steiner
Mary Owenby
Ms. McIntyre
Sandy
Vida Greene

Special Prayer List:

Anita Gross
Billy & Loretta Payton
Bob Kenlaw
Bonnie Warren
Cheryl McCleese
Christy Adams
David William
Derek Klein & Family
Former President Joe Biden
Greg & Shirley Robinson
Erin, Heather & Leigh Gray
Kimberly Cooper & Family
Law Enforcement Personnel

People of Gaza
People of Jamaica
People of Ukraine & Sudan
President Donald Trump & Admin
Ray Good & Family
Richard & Jeannie Richardson
Sandra Crane
The Dorsey Family
The Douglas Sisters
US & Allied Troops
Vicky Kingdom

Sunday School Review (continued from page 1):

In I Timothy 6:5 it reads like this:

“Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself”.

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.

Bible Vocabulary Puzzle #155

Book	Chapter	Verse	Word	Answer
St. Mark	11	2	14	_____
Numbers	1	45	5	_____
Jude	1	20	2	_____
Leviticus	19	20	33	_____
III John	1	6	16	_____
Genesis	4	1	21	_____
St. Matthew	27	60	7	_____
Judges	7	8	21	_____
I John	1	1	2	_____
Exodus	7	25	6	_____
St. Luke	6	4	8	_____
Ezra	9	6	31	_____
Revelation	4	11	16	_____
Joshua	5	4	28	_____
Romans	4	13	27	_____
I Kings	18	19	4	_____
St. John	15	1	4	_____
Isaiah	35	8	18	_____

Puzzle Answer:

Found In:

***Our Thanks to Frank and Betty King
of Columbia, Maryland for working last issue's
Bible Vocabulary Puzzle and returning the answer,
which is found in: Isaiah 7:14***

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(s)

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world". (Titus 2:11-12)

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 "Jesus Preparing A Place In Heaven For Those Who Want To Be Saved", As Found In St. John, Chapter 14:

BELIEVE
COMMANDMENT
COMETH
DOETH
DWELLETH
FATHER
GOD
GREATER
HEART
HENCEFORTH
HOUSE
LIFE
MANSIONS
ME
MYSELF
PLACE
PREPARE
RECEIVE
TROUBLED
TRUTH
WAY
WORLD
YOU

A	Z	B	Y	G	O	D	C	X	D	T	W	E	W	F
H	V	H	G	U	H	W	T	U	E	S	A	F	R	G
E	Q	T	P	J	I	E	N	O	F	B	Y	C	R	T
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C	J	M	K	I	Q	L	D	T	S	L	P	O	T	E
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T	R	O	U	B	L	E	D	U	Z	K	R	D	N	M
H	V	E	G	I	J	N	R	P	S	L	T	K	B	M
M	E	Y	A	X	B	G	C	K	N	E	F	I	L	O
P	L	A	C	E	W	L	S	D	L	R	O	W	A	C
T	Q	P	R	E	P	A	R	E	U	J	V	Y	M	E
F	Z	X	K	T	I	R	M	Y	S	E	L	F	N	P

Bible Trivia Activity:

To what ruler of the Jews did Jesus say, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again".

In what book and chapter of the Bible (Original King James Version) does Jesus explain this?

(See answer 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 2026

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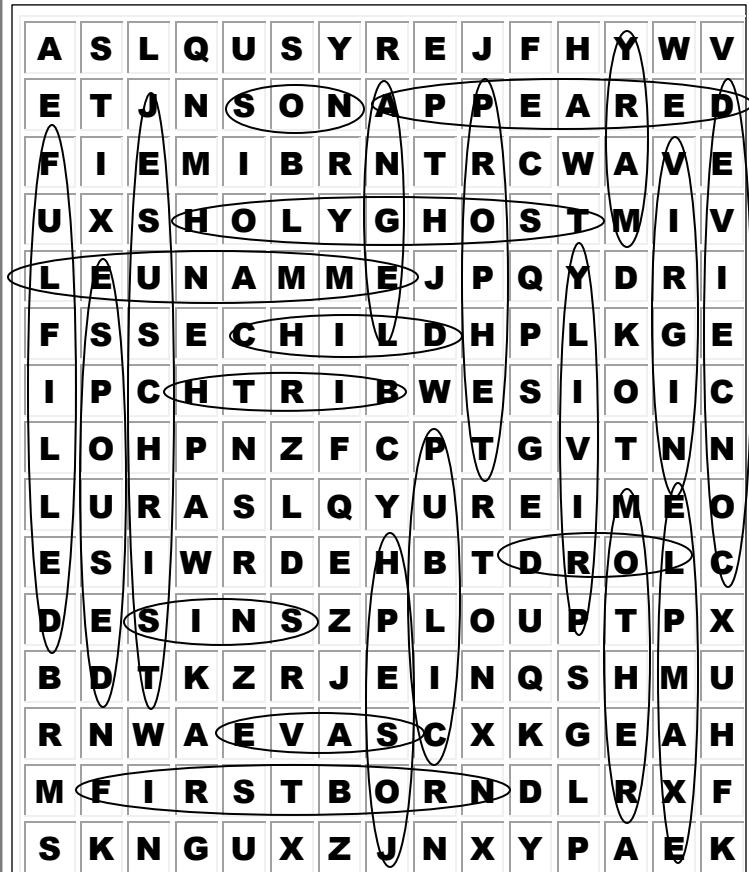
and I will be your burden-bearer; for my yoke is easy and my burden is light. Today Jesus invites you to yoke up with Him regardless of the sin that the devil has placed upon you, He is able to help all who will receive Him.

The Opportunity Is Available To Be Saved Now:

When Jesus returns the second time, there will be a separation of the righteous from the unsaved. The unsaved will not be able to get to the saved people of God. There will be a great gulf between them, which neither will be able to bridge. After Jesus returns, the unsaved will see their saved relatives or associates for the last time. There will be no more chance to sympathize with the unsaved or help them in any way after Jesus comes for the saved people.

Christ's death gives the unsaved person a chance to repent and obey the gospel so that they will have the same benefits to be saved upon Jesus' return as those who are already saved. The invitation is extended through the gospel. The opportunity is open and available for the unsaved.

Answers To Last Issues Bible Word Search



ANGEL
APPEARED
BIRTH
CHILD
CONCEIVED
EMMANUEL
ESPoused

EXAMPLE
FIRSTBORN
FULFILLED
HOLY GHOST
JESUS CHRIST
JOSEPH
LORD
MARY

MOTHER
PRIVILY
PROPHET
PUBLIC
SAVE
SINS
SON
VIRGIN

Answers To Last Issue's Bible Vocabulary Puzzle

<u>Book</u>	<u>Chap</u>	<u>Verse</u>	<u>Word</u>	<u>Answer</u>
Zechariah	7	13	1	Therefore
Acts	28	31	2	The
St. Luke	1	11	10	Lord
I Thessalonians	4	16	4	Himself
Hosea	2	7	3	Shall
Hebrews	13	17	22	Give
I John	2	7	8	You
Genesis	1	6	7	A
Revelation	15	1	5	Sign
Job	4	3	1	Behold
Romans	11	9	9	A
Leviticus	21	3	6	Virgin
Philippians	3	21	2	Shall
Numbers	5	28	18	Conceive
St. Luke	1	31	1	And
James	3	12	7	Bear
I Corinthians	3	14	14	A
St. Matthew	1	23	13	Son
Judges	3	5	11	And
Ezekiel	3	20	22	Shall
St. John	15	15	3	Call
Obadiah	1	6	11	His
Psalm	8	1	* 9	Name
Isaiah	8	8	35	Immanuel

*Puzzle Correction: Should be word 9 instead of word 19

Answer:

“Therefore, the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel”.

Isaiah 7:14



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