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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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You cannot worship God and be a sinner.

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Jesus is the only one who can give you the new-birth.

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Obeying God makes you a righteous person.

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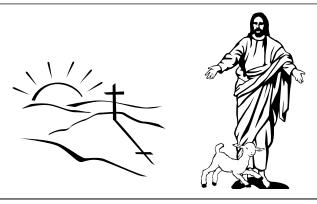
If you follow the instructions that the word of God gives, it will lead you to safety.

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Because Christ died, we shall live again, whether in the kingdom of heaven or hell.

Sunday School Review: "Hope"

Scriptures: Romans 8:24-25; II Timothy 2:11



The promises of God give you hope. Hope gives you reasons to live and motivations to survive difficulties of life. Hope is very important. When you lose your hope, there is no motivation to want to live. Life is full of trouble, and disappointments, but when you have hope, it will keep your mind above the negative things of life. True hope in the promises of God is more powerful than the troubles of this world.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ assures all born again believers that there is life beyond the life of this present world. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is very powerful. The resurrection brings to reality a hope for the promises of God.

When you surrender your life to Christ, the resurrection of a new creature will develop in you, giving you an unmovable hope that you will live again with Christ. Under these conditions, you will never lose hope in Christ, because He would be living in you.

Jesus is very careful to confirm His reality to all who have surrendered their lives to Him. Jesus showed Himself after rising from the dead by many infallible proofs that He was the same one who walked and talked in the midst of friends, and enemies with nothing but the spirit of love. God is love, and He (Continued on page 5)

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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: 2023** 

### <u>2023</u>

**Ten-Day Fast & Prayer** May 5th - May 14th **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

# The Last Gospel Is Calling The People Of God:

The secrets of God that may be found hidden in His word are revealed to those who accept the teachings of Christ and obey the gospel (Deuteronomy 29:29). The gospel that you hear today is the last gospel. This is the last knowledge that the people of the earth will hear before Jesus returns. This will be the last chance for the unsaved to repent of their sins and receive grace to be saved. This gospel was presented to the world by John the Baptist who cried "repent". John said that

the kingdom of heaven was being offered. The door of salvation was being opened, and the grace of God was offering a free entry into the kingdom of heaven. Man was being invited to receive eternal life free of charge because Christ was going to pay the price at a place called Calvary.

This last gospel would be the message that would reconcile God and man. When this gospel is accepted, it would have power to remove the wall of partition between man and God, which was sin. There would be no limitations to how many people could be saved upon acceptance of the gospel. The gospel would be fresh and powerful with unlimited ability to reach a repenting sinner anywhere.

Thousands were saved at a single meeting when Peter preached it on the day of Pentecost. This gospel has power to penetrate the forces of evil in any situation. The Holy Spirit is the carrier of this gospel, and it carries a package of complete redemption from all sins when it is received. It can completely eradicate the carnal nature, and install the divine nature of God into a receptive mind. Understand that this gospel is the only means by which a person can be saved.

This last gospel and the time for accepting it is rapidly coming to an end. The opportunity to accept it and to be saved is closing in on the sinner. The days that we are presently living in are like the days of Sodom. In the days of Sodom, there was no organized effort to restrain sinners nor to deal with them for the wicked things that they did. Today if sin gets out of control, it will create greater problems than in the days of Sodom because there are more people.

So the last gospel has to be preached to gather together every pure heart. It will call together a nation consisting of people from every kindred and tongue worthy to be received in the presence of God. Its purpose is to get sin out of the heart because no sin can enter heaven.

The Lord has promised that His sheep will hear His voice, and as they hear the voice of God, they will come in to follow Him. The day is now here that those who God has called will worship Him in Spirit and in truth.



Sister Annette Kilgore *Co-Founder* 

# Sis Kilgore's Purity Club Message:

# **Are You Prepared To Meet Christ On His Second Return?**

In order to be ready to meet the Lord on that great day, we must repent, believe the gospel and then let God have his way in our lives. The only way this can happen is that we must be filled with the Holy Spirit, and this spirit will only come into a clean mind.

Now we cannot please God trying to have our own way. God wants all of your heart, not just a part, but all of your heart. It is time to let him have his way in our lives, and if we allow this to happen, I am a living witness that Jesus will fix it for you. We will not have time to correct our lives when Christ comes back. Today is the day of salvation!

Tomorrow may never be ours, and yesterday is gone. The Bible teaches us that when Christ comes back, we will be rewarded for our works at that time, whether our works are good or evil. Listen to Revelation 22:12:

Verse 12 - And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

(Not according to the good works you did last year.)

We must be willing to sacrifice worldly pleasures, which are things that displease God, and tickle the flesh. The pleasures of living a godly life far exceed the pleasures that Satan presents to us. So if you say you love the Lord, then believe his word. If you believe his word, then obey it. Don't worry about a little suffering. After all, Christ learned obedience by his suffering. Hebrews chapter 5, verses 8 and 9 teach us as follows:

- Verse 8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;
- Verse 9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.

So put all your trust in the Lord, and let him lead your life so that you will be ready to meet him upon his return.

May The Lord God Bless You Real Good!

# **The Sick And Special Prayer List**

#### **Sick List:**

Bella Roberts
Bobbie Roberson
Cora Ann Englin
Dietra Wynn
Greg Robinson
Helen Smith
India Miller
Laura Kilgore

Linda Steiner Mary Owenby Ms. McIntyre Nancy Owen Nelsa-Lee Brown Robin Bennett Vance Brehon

# **Special Prayer List:**

Autumn Feagin
Billy & Loretta Payton
Bonnie Warren
Cecil & Leona Moore
Christy Adams
Gabrielle Lemaire & Family
Heather & Leigh Gray
Jakob Varesi
Richard & Jeannie Richardson
Jennifer Lawson's Family
Jessica Williams & Family
Law Enforcement Personnel

Paula Covington
People of Ukraine
President Joe Biden & Admin
Reverend James Beatty
Ray Good & Family
Shirley Robinson
The Dorsey Family
The Douglas Sisters
The Moore Family
Tonya Williams & Family
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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# <u>Sunday School Review</u> (Continued from page 1)

sent His Son Jesus into the world to penetrate the evils of the world with His love that could not be defeated. God's love in Christ went all the way to the cross and defeated death and hell. After the resurrection, God presented His love in Christ not desiring to take revenge on those who crucified Him.

<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 #141

Book	Chapter	Verse	Word	Answer
St. Matthew	2	1	3	
Genesis	24	55	7	
Malachi	4	4	12	
Nahum	3	10	10	
Philippians	4	18	7, 8	
St. Luke	7	20	2	
St. Mark	12	18	12	
Hebrews	9	4	6, 7	
II Timothy	3	10	10	
Revelation	2	17	1, 2	
Proverbs	14	15	3	
I Samuel	20	8	27, 28	
Amos	9	4	2	
Lamentations	4	16	9	
Micah	1	13	30	
Ephesians	5	14	12	
Philemon	1	9	1	
Hosea	2	22	4	
Jonah	1	10	21	
Acts	28	4	36	
Titus	1	9	22	
Romans	10	13	2	
Judges	8	19	17	
James	5	6	4	
I John	5	1	2	
II Samuel	22	20	16, 17	
Zechariah	2	11	4	
Numbers	19	2	36	
Proverbs	23	13	18	
St. John	14	10	1, 2	

#### **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).

Book	Chapter	Verse	Word	Answer
Galatians	3	17	2	

Bible Vocabulary Puzzle Answer:							
Found In (Book, Chapter, and Verse):							

### **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 How Our Old Life Of Sin Should Be Crucified With Christ, As Found In Romans Chapter 6:

BAPTISM
BURIED
CRUCIFIED
DEATH
DESTROYED
DOMINION
ETERNAL LIFE
FATHER
FREED
GIFT
GOD
GRACE
JESUS CHRIST
LIFE
MORTAL
NEWNESS
OBEY
RAISED
REIGN
RESURRECTION
RIGHTEOUSNESS
SERVANTS
SIN

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### Bible Memory Verse(s):

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

(St. Mark 16:15-16)

(In this issue, see page 8 for Bible Trivia Activity)

# 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 March 2023

#### Bible Trivia Activity:

Unscramble the following words to reveal a verse of scripture that shows Jesus' willingness to suffer according to the will of His heavenly Father (*Clue: see the book of St. Mark*).

And possible things he Abba, are take me: unto I Father, all said, thee; away	
nevertheless cup what this not will what from but wilt. thou	
Show the book, chapter and verse where this scripture is found:(Answer will appear in next	issue)

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

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

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COMETH	MOTHER	TIME
FLESH	NICODEMUS	WATER
GOD	NIGHT	WHITHER
GOETH	OLD	WIND
HEAREST	PHARISEES	WOMB
KINGDOM	SECOND	

# **Answers To Last Issue's Bible Trivia Activity:**

And <u>being</u> made <u>perfect</u>, he <u>became the</u>
author of <u>eternal</u> salvation <u>unto</u> all them <u>that</u>
obey him. (Hebrews 5:9)

<u>Book</u>	<u>Chap</u>	<u>Verse</u>	<u>Word</u>	<u>Answer</u>
St. John	9	33	1	If
Numbers	21	30	1	We
Psalm	32	5	18	Confess
Galatians	3	24	5	Our
Proverbs	10	12	9	Sins
St. Matthew	1	20	3	Не
Judges	5	9	3	Is
Hebrews	2	17	22	Faithful
Nehemiah	5	8	1	And
Acts	24	15	23	Just
Genesis	20	3 4		То
St. Luke	6	37	17	Forgive
Exodus	1	10	4	Us
St. John	4	12	5	Our
Ezekiel	33	16	4	Sins
Acts	9	1	1	And
Leviticus	9	1	4	To
St. Matthew	10	8	4	Cleanse
Joshua	1	16	18	Us
St. Mark	1	9	12	From
Numbers	9	12	18	All
Romans	1	18	14	righteousness

#### **Answer:**

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

(I John 1:9)

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh"

(St. Matthew 24:44)

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