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Are You Ready???

*Elder Kilgore Teaches Us How To
Get Ready:*



Sin causes corruption and death.

God has no program to deliver
humans from sin after they die.

A sinner is alienated from God.

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

God only works through a holy and
sin-free person.

You cannot live right for any
meaningful period of time unless
God helps you.

You will have to separate yourself
from sin if you want Jesus to help
you.

Death is nothing to dread but
something to prepare for.

Salvation is a continuous fellowship
with God everywhere you go.

**Sunday School Review: "We Must Repent Now To Be Ready For
Jesus When He Arrives"**

Scriptures: St. Mark 1:14-15; Acts 2:38



Many Christians don't like to hear a preacher preach against sin. These Christians believe that it is all right to continue living in sin, and that Jesus' death gives continuous forgiveness for sin no matter how much you continue to live in sin. Such Christians think that it is okay for the world to go on practicing sin until Jesus returns, and at that time, they will receive power to sin no more. You can take chances on many things in life, and later have a chance to correct what was wrong. There are no scriptures in the Bible, which teach that you will have a chance to correct or repent of your sins after Jesus returns.

If repentance was not to take place until after Jesus returned, then God could have waited to send John the Baptist to introduce Jesus at Jesus' second appearance. John preached that it was necessary to repent to be saved. Repentance means to stop committing sin. If everybody can wait for Jesus' second appearance to stop committing sin, and be saved, then there would be no need for the Bible or a plan of salvation for the people of the earth. Neither would there be any need for hell, because everybody could stop sinning when they see that Jesus is on the scene.

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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: 2025

2025

Ten-Day Fast & Prayer Revival:	October 24th – November 2nd 8:00 pm Nightly (Sun Eve - 7:00 pm)
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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



Elder Alonzo F. Kilgore
Founder

What Is Sin?

When you don't conceive any plan or be a part of any program that will require you to be dishonest, unfair, lie, steal, or cheat to put it over, you will be living above sin. Sin is an intentional transgression of God's word that must be conceived from the heart (mind) first with complete foreknowledge that it is a violation of God's commandment. Any mistake or unintentional act against God's commandment will not be charged against the person as a sin.

When a person desires to live free from sin, God will give the person the Holy Spirit to help them. The Holy Spirit will give the person the new birth, which will replace their old nature to sin with a new nature that will no longer have desires to commit sin. The person will lose his or her desires to commit sins such as fornication, adultery, homosexual acts, idolatry, lying, stealing, extortion, drinking alcoholic beverages, smoking cigarettes, maliciousness, envy, hate, contention, lasciviousness, seditions, or being a part of false religious heresies.

It Is The Evil Thoughts Of People That God Is Looking At:

Now we won't know when the day of the Lord is going to be, but the scriptures give a warning by comparing what happened to the people during the days of Noah. It gives us a description of how the people were during Noah's day. Listen to Genesis 6:5:

Verse 5 - And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

The word of God is teaching that during Noah's day, the evil thoughts of men were evil continuously. Notice that God looked at the hearts and thoughts as well as the actions of men, and He made preparations to destroy the people based upon the evil thoughts that were in the hearts or minds of people.

If people today are carrying evil thoughts in their minds, this will be reason enough for God to destroy the people again. In order to find grace in the sight of God, people must repent of their evil thoughts as well as their evil actions. It is the thoughts in the hearts of men that will eventually produce evil actions. Listen to St. Mark 7:21-23:

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Sister Annette Kilgore
Co-Founder

Sis Kilgore's Purity Club Message

Be Ye Also Ready:

The Bible teaches us that the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night. This means that we have to be ready, since no one knows the day nor the hour when the Lord shall return. We cannot put off and expect to get ready on that day. We should be living holy now so that we will be ready on that day.

Today is the day to get your heart right with God. We should be searching our own hearts to see if we are really obeying the word of God. It is time to get rid of anything in our lives that is against God's word. The world has a lot of things to offer you that are not in accord with what the Bible teaches. Don't let the world fool you. I John 2:15-17 teaches as follows:

Verse 15 - Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world.
If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

Verse 16 - For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

Verse 17 - And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.

We must be diligent that we may be found of him in peace without spot, and blameless. If we truly have a mind to please God and not ourselves, he will send us help to do the same. The time to get ready is today. In closing, I would like to leave with you these verses of scripture found in Philippians 4:7-8:

Verse 7 - And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Verse 8 - Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

May The Lord God Bless You Real Good!

The Sick And Special Prayer List

Sick List:

Anna Grace
Bella Roberts
Bobbie Roberson
Desmond Martin
Helen Smith
India Miller
Leona Galloway

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
Cindy Miller
David William
Derek Klein & Family
Don (The Bread of Life)
Former President Joe Biden
Greg & Shirley Robinson
Erin, Heather & Leigh Gray
Jessica Williams & Family
Kimberly Cooper & Family
Law Enforcement Personnel

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

Sunday School Review (continued from page 1):

God does not resent sinners; that is why he gives them a chance to repent. God does not reject sinners. He gives them a chance to learn how to live free from sin. God is not mean to sinners. He shows them how their sinful life styles are mean and difficult to them. God gives sinners a better knowledge of the plan of salvation, but he is firm and specific in his teaching against sin. God offers no compromise for sin. Repentance is the only course for redemption of sin, and God very plainly lays out the way of salvation for a person who desires to be saved.

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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Bible Vocabulary Puzzle #153

Book	Chapter	Verse	Word	Answer
Numbers	5	8	1	_____
James	1	2	4	_____
Leviticus	10	13	3	_____
St. John	2	4	16	_____
Exodus	20	20	21	_____
Revelation	16	7	11	_____
Deuteronomy	1	13	9	_____
Joel	2	25	6	_____
II Peter	3	10	1	_____
I John	3	9	1	_____
Judges	2	1	41	_____
Acts	4	9	5	_____
Genesis	1	16	5	_____
St. Matthew	9	35	28	_____
I Samuel	4	9	24	_____
Colossians	2	16	1	_____
Joshua	13	1	14	_____
Ephesians	4	21	3	_____
II Kings	2	3	43	_____
St. Luke	4	20	13	_____

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: **Proverbs 15:8***

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)

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 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. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light".

(St. Matthew 11:28-30)

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 "a Higher Standard of Righteousness", as found in I Corinthians 15:42-49:

BEAR
BODY
BORNE
CORRUPTION
DEAD
DISHONOR
EARTH
EARTHY
GLORY
HEAVEN
HEAVENLY
IMAGE
INCORRUPTION
LORD
MAN
NATURAL
POWER
RAISED
RESURRECTION
SECOND
SOWN
SPIRITUAL
WEAKNESS

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

Bible Trivia Activity

What is the first commandment with promise?

What did God promise those who follow this commandment?

(Hint: Look in the New Testament)

(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
Sword Drill Champion of Champs for September 2025:

The Good News Preacher's Message To All (Continued From Page 3)

Verse 21 - *For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,*

Verse 22 - *Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:*

Verse 23 - *All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.*

When God sees no indications that people of the earth are willing to repent of their evil ways of thinking, He knows that their actions won't get any better. Therefore, He will prepare to destroy the people of the earth that are partaker of such evil thoughts.

Answers To Last Issues Bible Word Search



BREAD
DAILY
DELIVER
EARTH
FATHER
FORGIVE
GLORY
HALLOWED
HEAVEN

KINGDOM
KNOWETH
MANNER
OPENLY
POWER
PRAYEST
REPETITIONS
REWARD
SECRET

SEEN
STANDING
SYNAGOGUES
TEMPTATION
VAIN

Answer To Last Issue's Bible Trivia Activity:

"But thou, when thou **prayest**, enter into thy **closet**, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy **Father** which is in **secret**; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall **reward** thee **openly**." (Found in St. Matthew 6:6)

Answers To Last Issue's Bible Vocabulary Puzzle

<i>Book</i>	<i>Chap</i>	<i>Verse</i>	<i>Word</i>	<i>Answer</i>
Acts	8	34	2	The
Exodus	5	17	18	Sacrifice
Colossians	1	10	6	Of
Leviticus	16	1	2	The
II Thessalonians	2	8	5	wicked
Job	31	12	3	Is
II Peter	2	6	14	An
Proverbs	8	7	11	Abomination
St. Luke	5	1	4	To
I Samuel	7	1	2	The
Acts	20	19	3	Lord
Nehemiah	4	1	1	But
Romans	1	3	12	The
Psalms	65	2	5	Prayers
St. Matthew	17	26	5	Of
Genesis	1	1	6	The
Psalms	11	7	12	Upright
Hebrews	12	7	15	Is
Numbers	7	12	5	His
Psalms	1	2	3	Delight

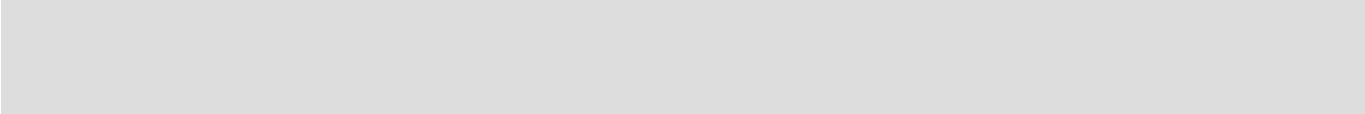
Answer:

"The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord but the prayer of the upright is his delight."

(Proverbs 15:8)

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.



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