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**Are You Ready???** *Elder Kilgore  
Teaches Us How To Get Ready:*



Evil is spreading rapidly.  
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Salvation means to be delivered  
from a life of sinful practices.  
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The first effort towards acquiring  
salvation in Jesus Christ is to  
repent.  
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You cannot honor God unless you  
live above sin.  
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You must be taught the correct  
way to be saved by someone who  
has experienced it.  
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If God is in your church, He would  
be teaching you how to live  
above sin.  
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To be born again means to lose the  
old mind, and allow it to be  
replaced with the mind of Christ.  
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Only in Christ can you stand  
against the trouble of this life.

Sunday School Review: **"God Is What He Is"**  
Scripture: St. John 1:1-14



**God's Word: The Holy Bible**

God is what He is because of His word. God's word has never failed. If you learn the word of God and obey, it will not fail you. It will do what it promised, but you must search the scriptures to see whether you are in accord with His word. Read the scriptures daily to see whether or not the things that you are doing are in keeping with His word.

Jesus was the word of God made flesh that God sent to the earth in human form just like ordinary people. Read St. John 1:14:

Verse 14 - And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Jesus would not deceive the people; He came and told the truth about how their lives would end if they continued in sin. Jesus taught that if they received Him, they would not have to fear death, and that the instructions He gave would cause them to be resurrected if they died obeying the instructions.

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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:

#### 2021

<b>Ten-Day Fast &amp; Prayer Revival:</b>	<b>Feb 5<sup>th</sup> – Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 8:00 PM Nightly (Sun Eve - 7:00 PM)</b>
<b>Ten-Day Fast &amp; Prayer Revival:</b>	<b>May 7<sup>th</sup> – May 16<sup>th</sup> 8:00 PM Nightly (Sun Eve - 7:00 PM)</b>



**Hear Ye, Hear Ye!!**

Visit our website for Elder Kilgore's series of sermon books entitled "Saved From Sin" Volumes 1-26 now available for reading and/or printing. ([www.thecoggopa.org](http://www.thecoggopa.org))

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*Note: Sunday School Review Picture taken From*

*Please stay tuned ... In this and the next several issues Elder Kilgore will share with you a series of sermons about the qualifications for the kingdom of heaven, and how you can be ready.*

## **The Good News Preacher's Message To All**



*Elder Alonzo F. Kilgore  
Founder*

### **The Last Calling**

It is wonderful what prayer can do. We have been praying, and many have been blessed by our labor for them to hear and read the gospel. We consider it a duty and pleasure to send the gospel forth that others may be blessed. We are on the job for the Lord day and night endeavoring to expose the works of the devil that people may not be deceived.

We are using the scriptures to show people that it is sin that keeps them burdened and unhappy. Sin is of the devil, and to get

sin out of their lives they must learn to resist the temptations of the devil. Sin is presented to those who do not have knowledge in the form of pleasures that they can enjoy.

The power of God is available by the Holy Spirit that can remove the nature of sin for those who repent of their sins. This assistance from the Holy Spirit is made available through prayer. The gospel that we are preaching will bring you better knowledge of God establishing your faith in the truth, and the truth can make you free from sin. Listen to St. John 8:32:

Verse 32 - And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

The truth is available in the gospel that we are giving; but this is the last gospel. It is the last chance for the sinner to repent and be saved. This gospel was first preached by John the Baptist who cried 'repent'. God's purpose was to bring man back into fellowship with Him.

John proclaimed that the kingdom of heaven was at hand for those who would repent of their sins and receive the gospel. The opportunity to enter the kingdom of heaven that John introduced is still available today. The door of salvation is still opened, and everybody who repents of their sins are invited to enter. This was the message that would reconcile man to God that was later preached by Christ and His apostles.

When Peter preached it on the day of Pentecost, three thousand souls were saved at a single meeting, and in the centuries that followed many thousands have come to accept Christ. Today this is the last chance to be saved because the time for preaching it is rapidly coming to an end. Those of us who are proclaiming this gospel are making a sincere effort to find the sinner, and lead him or her to Christ, but the devil is busier, and the pressure of sin on people is greater. Iniquity has abounded and children are more delinquent and difficult to manage. Human life is being destroyed by brutality and ruthlessness. Gays are out of the closet today more than in the days of Sodom.

The last gospel will accomplish its purpose. It will gather together (***Continued on page 5***)

**Sis Kilgore's Purity Club Message:**



Sister Annette Kilgore  
Co-Founder

**Being Born Again**

When you experience the new birth in Christ, everything about your life will change for the better. The new birth is simply a transformation of the mind. Your desires will change as you begin this new life in Christ. You will know if this change is of God because you will be consistent in doing the things that are right and pleasing in the sight of God.

You will no longer desire to participate in your old life style. You won't even have to worry about what to tell your old associates because when God does this transformation, people will be able to see

the change, and believe me, they won't want to have a close association with you. Some of your old friends will respect you, but you won't be in close company with them because they will be condemned by your new life.

However, unless an individual experiences this new birth, they will never see the kingdom of God. St John 3:3 read, "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*". After God saved me, I had no mind to partake of my old sinful habits. My one desire is to please God in everything I say and do.

You have not been born again if you are still doing things to please your flesh. I John 3:9 teaches us, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. (Read I John 1:5-10.) Have you experienced the new birth in Christ?"

**There Is Only One Safe Place: That Is In The Lord**

With all the problems in the world today, people need to turn to the Lord and repent. We have an adversary who works hard at trying to keep our minds on the troubles of this world rather than on seeking God to save us from sin. If the Lord doesn't save us, we surely won't be saved at all. God is our only refuge today.

We are hearing of wars, and rumors of wars. If you are obeying God's commandments, you won't be afraid. Just stand in the "Holy Place", which is in the Lord. People had better turn to God now, and obey his word. The Bible teaches us how to live a saved and sanctified life, and it is important to do all that you can to follow God's teaching.

Make no mistake dear ones, there is only one safe place, and that is not in shelters, etc. but in the Lord. Christ is coming back soon, and if we are going to be ready, we had better put on our traveling shoes now.

*(Continued on page 5)*

# The Sick And Special Prayer List

## Sick List:

Bella Roberts  
Bertran Brown  
Bobbie Estep  
Bobbie Roberson  
Corey Dean  
Danne Pauley  
Helen Hawkins  
Helen Smith  
India Miller

Judi Davis  
Linda Steiner  
Marty Pauley  
Mary Owenby  
Ms. McIntyre  
Nancy Owen  
Nelsa Lee Brown  
Robert Hill  
The Gray Brothers

## Special Prayer List:

Billy & Loretta Payton  
Bonnie Warren  
Cecil & Leona Moore  
Christy Adams  
Heather & Leigh Gray  
Law Enforcement Personnel

The Dorsey Family  
The Douglas Sisters  
The Downs 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. SEND YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS TO:

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## Sis Kilgore's Purity Club Message (Continued from page 4):

We won't be able to get ready after Christ returns. Remember, life is uncertain, but death is sure. There is a great and terrible day coming. Will You Be Ready? *May God Bless You*

## The Good News Preacher's Message (Continued from page 3)

in one spirit every pure heart. It will call together a nation consisting of people from every tribe, tongue and kindred who are worthy to be received in the presence of God. The Holy Spirit will unite such a nation of people, and remove all sin out of their hearts in the process. The Lord has promised to gather His sheep which had been scattered in a dark and benighted world, and as they hear His voice, they are coming together to prepare for Jesus' return.

## 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*

Book	Chapter	Verse	Word	Number	Number
St. Mark	4	29	1	_____	1. Find the book, chapter and verse given at the top of the first column on the puzzle page.
Philippians	3	18	12	_____	
I Thessalonians	2	10	13	_____	
Hebrews	9	6	4	_____	2. Start with the first word in that verse and count each word until you find the number given under

**Memory Verse:**

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

(St. Mark 1:15)

**Answer:**

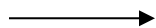
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**Found In:**

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**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 For Words Related To “The Word”, As Found In St. John 1:1-14:

AMONG  
BEHELD  
BEGINNING  
BEGOTTEN  
BELIEVE  
BLOOD  
DARKNESS  
DWELT  
FATHER  
FLESH  
GLORY  
GOD  
LIFE  
LIGHT  
MAN  
NAME  
POWER  
RECEIVED  
SHINETH  
SONS  
WITNESS  
WORD  
WORLD

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

**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*”.

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

**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

**Testimonies Of Our Members:**

***“The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad” (Psalm 126:3).***

**Testimony of Deacon Jim McCleese:**

Giving honor to God and our Savior Jesus Christ, I thank God for this teaching that he gave Elder and Sister Michaux and our present day leaders, Elder and Sister Kilgore. I thank God for the Church of God here in Brevard North Carolina and what it stands for. I thank God for all the love the saints show one toward the other throughout the year, and for touching my body from time to time. I thank God for my wife and the things she does for me. I thank God for saving me from a life of sin in 1978. I was lost in sin doing everything that I desired to do, such as hanging in bars, drinking liquor and smoking cigarettes, and kicking up my heels at parties. I didn't know my wife from other men's wives. I heard the gospel preached at the Church of God in Baltimore Maryland. I made up my mind that Sunday when the preacher made the call that I was through with sin, and that God was able to keep me living a life free from sin.

I also thank God for bringing my companion and I through the year 2020. It was a difficult year for us financially. Our pastor has taught us, when trouble comes make sure you are doing everything that is right and pray for others; God knows what we need. God came through for us nicely, because of the prayers of our leaders and the saints.

**Testimony of Sis Rose McCleese:**

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for his mercy endureth forever. I thank God for this teaching. I thank God for past leaders, Elder and Sister Michaux, and our present leaders, Elder and Sister Kilgore. I thank God for having a God sent pastor that as a result of what he preaches and teach, I have been able to change from a life of sin to a righteous life by being obedient to the word of God. I now have love in my heart for everyone and no longer have hatred, malice and strife in my heart. This is because I have been taught how to be born again according to the word of God.

I thank God for bringing my husband and I through very difficult situations in 2020, with obedience and much prayer from everyone. I thank God for salvation in Jesus Christ and I am now striving for Eternal Life.



**Answers To Last Issues Bible Word Search**

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

A	F	C	O	N	C	E	I	V	E	D	B	S	O	N
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ANGEL  
BEHOLD  
BIRTH  
CONCEIVED  
ESPOUSED  
EXAMPLE  
FIRSTBORN  
FULFILLED

HOLY GHOST  
HUSBAND  
JESUS CHRIST  
JOSEPH  
LORD  
MARY  
PEOPLE  
PRIVILY

PROPHET  
PUBLICK  
SAVE  
SINS  
SON  
VIRGIN  
WIFE

**Answer To Last Issue's Bible Vocabulary Puzzle:**

“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace good will toward men.”

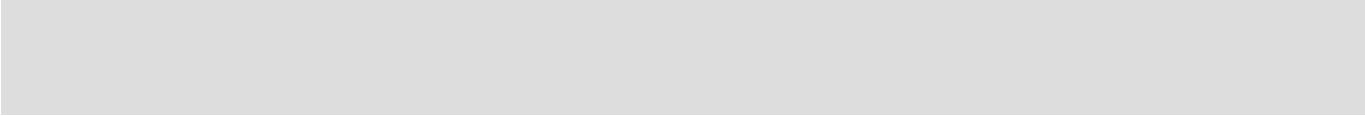
(St. Luke 2:13-14)

**Answer To Last Issue's Bible Trivia:**

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

(St. Matthew 2:10)

<i>Book</i>	<i>Chap</i>	<i>Verse</i>	<i>Word</i>	<i>Answer</i>
Genesis	1	5	1	And
Numbers	6	9	7	Suddenly
Amos	3	11	9	There
Isaiah	66	7	12	Was
Jonah	2	9	7, 8	With The
Revelation	11	1	14	Angel
Zechariah	4	1	14	A
Ecclesiastes	5	7	4	Multitude
Romans	7	25	19, 23	Of The
St. Matthew	18	35	5	Heavenly
Acts	7	42	11	Host
Ezra	3	11	8	Praising
St. Matthew	9	8	11	God
II John	1	9	3	And
Nehemiah	6	2	8	Saying
Exodus	24	16	3	Glory
I Timothy	3	15	13	To
II Corinthians	4	6	2	God
Hosea	10	4	17, 18	In The
Proverbs	8	26	15	Highest
Galatians	6	16	1, 12	And On
Jeremiah	6	19	3	Earth
St. Mark	9	34	5	Peace
Colossians	1	10	16	Good
Habakkuk	2	1	20	Will
Philemon	1	5	10	Toward
Hebrews	12	14	5	Men



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