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



Sin is the works of the devil.

When you are in sin you are not
free to talk to God.

Sin makes life difficult and
appalling.

Sin will cut your life short.

A devilish preacher can break
down your resistance to sin.

Repentance is not a church game,
it is serious business.

To do right is to obey God, but to
do wrong is to commit sin.

Your only means of escape from a
life of sin is to be born again.

You are only prepared for death
when you are born again.

True salvation is an act of God.

Sunday School Review: *The New Birth Is By The Power Of God:*
Scriptures: St. John 1:12-13



THE HOLY SPIRIT

God sent Jesus into the world that you and I might be born again. Our first birth was of the flesh, which caused us to be born with desires to please the sinful nature that the birth of the flesh gave us. Jesus is the only one who can give us a new birth that would be of the Spirit of God.

A birth of the Spirit is more powerful than the birth of the flesh, and it can give desires to live free from sin. To be born again is to receive a replacement of your inner man or woman. It is the birth of a new mind that will deliver you from a carnal mind to receive a spiritual mind.

The birth of the flesh will eventually lead you to experience the first and second death. The second death is eternal separation from God. The birth of the Spirit gives you life beyond the grave to live forever in the kingdom of heaven.

For as many people on the earth that receive Jesus' gospel, He can give them power to become the sons and daughters of God. Your new birth will not be the will of a man or woman, but the will of God. Your new birth will not be of blood, but of the power of God.

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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

Ten-Day Fast & Prayer Revival: **Aug 6th – Aug 15th 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" Volumes 1-28 now available for reading and/or printing. (www.thecoggopa.org)

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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*

My Testimony:

If you are willing to obey God, you will put forth an effort though you may not be able to; when God sees you have the will, He will supply the ability and the strength. When I first started out with the Lord many years ago I did not see how a person could live in this world and not commit sin. Later I learned the scripture in St. Matthew 5:48 that said, *“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect”*.

So, I took a chance on accepting this scripture believing that it was possible, and I put forth an effort to obey everything that the word of God instructed. As I went along, I found that extra strength and ability to obey were being given to me. As I observed my life, I found that I wasn't doing anything contrary to what the word of God was teaching.

Living above sin simply means to do right. I don't conceive any plan or program that would require me to do wrong in order to put it over. My concern above everything else is to maintain a spiritual or righteous life. I have allowed the word of God to give me principles to live by that will bring peace with God. If you don't have peace with God you won't have peace with anybody.

My Text:

My sermons may not be orthodox like you hear many preachers preach, but I never preach anything that is not supported by the word of God. I don't always announce my text because the Bible is my text. The name of the Bible is holy, and holy means to be free from sin. My text is, “Saved from Sin”. It is the same in every sermon that I preach. I never fail to stick to my text when I tell you that God requires that you be saved from sin.

A God sent preacher must speak the words that are based upon what the Bible teaches, otherwise he is not preaching salvation in Jesus Christ. In St. Matthew 1:21, it teaches that Jesus was sent to save us from our sins. God does not desire that anyone perish, so He gives timely warnings of the judgment so that people will change their course and escape the judgment.

The warnings in God's word are like signs that you see as you travel over the highway and approach a construction site. You will first see signs warning you of the site. The signs in God's word will give you instructions on how to escape the destruction that a life of sin will lead you to. Today, God's word warns people and show them signs that indicate very clearly that the dangers God's word speaks of will overtake those who do not take heed to the warnings.

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Sis Kilgore's Purity Club Message:



Sister Annette Kilgore
Co-Founder

Seek Ye The Lord Now:

Now is the appointed time to seek the Lord's help. It is impossible to live for the Lord without the Holy Spirit to help us. Today, people are doing all kinds of evil things to one another. Some people have no compassion for others, and they have no mind to obey the word of God. They will do anything to have their way, even if it means taking advantage of another person.

However, God's arms are open wide, just waiting for you to come to him for help. You don't have to continue doing evil to one another. The scripture tells us in Isaiah 55:6-7:

Verse 6 - Seek ye the Lord while he may be found,
call ye upon him while he is near:

Verse 7 - Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous
man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord,
and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God,
for he will abundantly pardon.

Except a person repents and believe God's word, he or she cannot be saved. You have to separate yourself from the evil things of the world, and seek to please God. There is help for you and I am a "living witness" that God will save you. I was once living in a world of sin, but I heard the word of God preached one day, I believed it, and thank God, he sent me help. God gave me the strength to repent of my sins and all of my wicked ways and today I am truly happy living for the Lord.

In closing, listen to St. Mark 1:15 and St. Luke 13:3:

Verse 15 - And saying, *The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of
God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.*

Verse 3 - *I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all
likewise perish.*

You don't have to perish, just seek the Lord now. You'll be glad you did.

May God Bless You Real Good!

The Sick And Special Prayer List

Sick List:

Bella Roberts
 Bertran Brown
 Bobbie Roberson
 Deanne Pauley
 Elsa Gross
 Helen Smith
 India Miller

Linda Steiner
 Mary Owenby
 Ms. McIntyre
 Nancy Owen
 Nelsa Lee Brown
 Peggy Batchelor
 Robert Hill
 The Gray Brothers

Special Prayer List:

Alan Frady
 Brian Frady
 Billy & Loretta Payton
 Bonnie Warren
 Cecil & Leona Moore
 Christy Adams
 Heather & Leigh Gray

Law Enforcement Personnel
 President Joe Biden & Family
 The Dorsey Family
 The Douglas Sisters
 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. SEND YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS TO:

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E-mail Address: TheChurchofGodGOPA@hotmail.com

Congratulations Megan McCleese!



“Hello again everyone; God bless you all. Well, here I am again writing to you 4 years later. I’m now 21 and have a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a focus in Health Services from Marywood University, located in Scranton, PA.

I finished strong with a 3.3 GPA and am now on the job search. Thank you all for the kind words and token I received. It was tough (especially through a pandemic), but I couldn’t have gotten through it without the love and support from my family and God”.

Bible Vocabulary Puzzle #133

<i>Book</i>	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Verse</i>	<i>Word</i>	<i>Answer</i>
Revelation	2	5	2	_____
I John	1	6	1	_____
II Peter	3	9	22	_____
Titus	3	4	13	_____
Philemon	1	8	4	_____
Colossians	3	20	5	_____
St. John	11	27	13	_____
Acts	7	8	2	_____
Amos	5	11	6	_____
Jonah	1	17	6	_____
II Samuel	6	3	10	_____
Romans	8	20	3	_____
St. Luke	5	39	6	_____
Joel	2	21	15	_____
James	2	16	24	_____
II Chronicles	30	10	4	_____
Hosea	2	2	21	_____
Proverbs	11	31	1	_____
Esther	10	3	33	_____
Hebrews	3	4	14	_____
Numbers	36	13	2	_____
Genesis	18	18	6	_____
Leviticus	23	16	19	_____

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).

Answer:

Found In (Book, Chapter, and Verse):

Memory Verse

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”.

(St. John 3:16)

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 “Ye Must Be Born Again,” As Found In St. John, Chapter 3, Verses 1-8:

AGAIN
BLOWETH
BORN
FLESH
GOD
HEAREST
JESUS
JEWS
KINGDOM
MARVEL
MIRACLES
MUST
NICODEMUS
OLD
PHARISEES
RULER
SECOND
SPIRIT
TEACHER
TIME
WATER
WIND
WOMB

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

Bible Trivia Activity:

Unscramble the underlined, highlighted letters in the following verse of scripture to tell what is required to see the Kingdom of Heaven (Clue: the answer is within the scripture):

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.

(See answer 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 Champs" and receives a prize.

"Thumbs To The Backs Of Your Bibles, Draw Swords, One, Two."



Eva Gray
Sword Drill Champion of Champions For July 2021

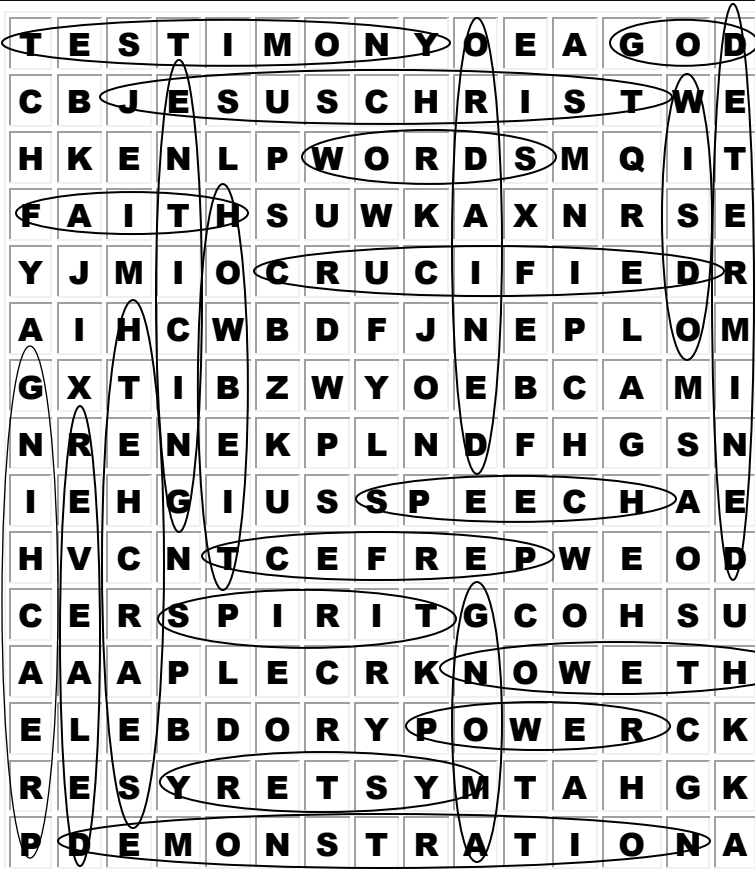
The Good News Preacher's Message To All (Continued From Page 3)

Five hundred and twenty four years before Jesus Christ was born into the world, God gave us the warning of the end. God sent Jesus to prepare for the end 1900 years ago. We are now living in the end of time. The beginning of the last days started when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Now the last days are upon us. In just a little while we will have to give an account of our actions here on earth.

God has a plan which is better than any that man could ever conceive. The plan of God is that He is going to create a new summit above which no germs can enter, and where the flowers will bloom forever. God is going to fix it so that those who are saved after this world has dissolved will never die again. So the word of God is warning the people of the world so that they can prepare to be on the better side of God's plan. If the warnings are disregarded, those who disregard the warnings will not be in the right place to be received by Jesus upon His return. So, why take a chance?

Answers To Last Issues Bible Word Search

Answers To Last Issue's Bible Vocabulary Puzzle



AMONG
CRUCIFIED
DEMONSTRATION
DETERMINED
ENTICING
FAITH
GOD
HOWBEIT

JESUS CHRIST
KNOWETH
MYSTERY
ORDAINED
PERFECT
POWER
PREACHING

REVEALED
SEARCHETH
SPEECH
SPIRIT
TESTIMONY
WISDOM
WORDS

Answer To Last Issue's Bible Trivia:

"But there were **false prophets** also among the people, even as there shall be **false teachers** among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction."
(II Peter 2:1)

CONGRATULATIONS:

Our thanks to Frank and Betty King of Columbia, MD who completed and submitted the answers to last issue's Bible Vocabulary and Word Search puzzles.

May God bless *you!*

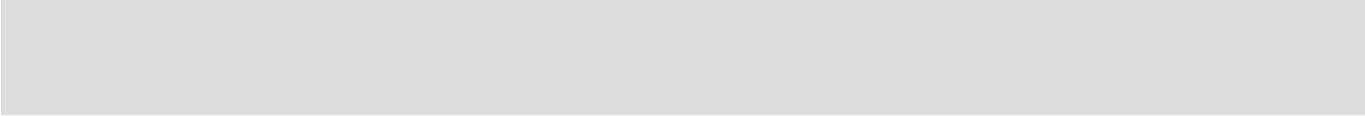
<i>Book</i>	<i>Chap</i>	<i>Verse</i>	<i>Word</i>	<i>Answer</i>
Philippians	2	20	2	I
Zephaniah	3	4	15	Have
II John	1	8	7	Not
Micah	6	4	23	Sent
Genesis	10	1	2	These
Revelation	11	18	32	Prophets
Romans	5	6	5	Yet
Proverbs	1	9	2	They
Acts	12	14	15	Ran
Hebrews	1	13	18	I
I Peter	4	3	12	Have
Ezekiel	7	7	25	Not
St. Matthew	8	17	8	Spoken
Zechariah	13	4	5	To
Haggai	2	22	32	Them
Isaiah	6	13	2	Yet
Ephesians	5	31	20	They
I Samuel	10	10	26	Prophesied

Answer To Last Issue's Bible Vocabulary Puzzle:

"I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied."
(Jeremiah 23:21)

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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