

Are You Ready???

Elder Kilgore Teaches Us How To Get Ready:



The love that God bestowed upon the world is that his enemies would become members of his family.

When you have love in your heart, you are safe.

The Holy Spirit brings love from God – This is divine love.

Peace and love are the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

You cannot have peace unless you have love.

The devil is no match for the Spirit of God.

Life without the peace of God is not worth living.

Laws are for the purpose of controlling the actions of men.

The world needs God's love or else it will perish.

Sunday School Review: "Love And Peace"
Scriptures: St. John 3:16, 14:27



People are being encouraged to hate all over the world, even religious groups are hating and killing others that don't believe as they do. Love is more powerful than hate, but it must be received, and most people don't want love to be the controlling force in their lives, neither their religions.

A religious teaching without the Holy Spirit causing love to be a part of it is not worth anything. The Holy Spirit brings love from God; this is divine love. Those who are truly saved today are saved because God loved His enemies. God so loved the world that He gave the best He had that the world might be saved. I am very glad that God has allowed me to use this literature to encourage people in the Lord to love one another. Anybody who knows me personally, knows that I love them.

People are being encouraged to hate by men of all walks of life. Offenses that bring hatred and suffering will come because of the works of the devil. The word of God teaches that woe unto them by whom such offenses will come. When you have love in your heart you are safe. When hate is in a person's heart it will lead them to destruction resulting from their own actions. Those who desire to be saved in the day of the Lord should be sure to allow Christ to work in their lives, by means of love (St. John 14:25-27).
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Schedule Of Weekly Church Services

Sunday Services:

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| Sunday School | 10:30 A.M. |
| Noon Day Service | 12:00 P.M. |
| Young Peoples' Union | 7:00 P.M. |

Weekday Services:

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| 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 - 2024

2023

Watch Meeting Service **December 31st - 10:30 pm**

2024

Ten-Day Fast & Prayer Revival: **Feb 2nd – Feb 11th
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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The Good News Preacher's Message To All



Elder Alonzo F. Kilgore
Founder

Jesus Was Sent For The World To Be Blessed:

The problems and troubles of the world today are because people have failed to obey God. They have failed to love one another. To learn to love is to learn the will of God. The way for happiness, comfort, prosperity, and joy is the way of God's will. When we do God's will, it leads us to the way of happiness. God has filled the earth with His goodness and He has blessed us with everything we need.

God sent Jesus to teach us the principles of the kingdom of heaven so that the people of the earth can be happy as the angels in heaven. The joy that Jesus introduced to the world was incorporated in the gospel that He taught. Those who have obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ have learned to live so that they will cause someone else to know what the gospel has taught them.

Jesus came according to the promise of God. The message introducing Jesus' appearance was sent by the angel Gabriel to Joseph and Mary who were espoused. Joseph was informed not to put Mary away privily when she was found with child, because the child was conceived of the Holy Ghost. Joseph thought that Mary had been untrue, but it was God's plan for the child to be born without the aid of a man.

Joseph found that Mary was with child, and the law said if a woman has been untrue to her promise she was to be stoned. However, because Joseph loved Mary, he did not want her to be stoned, yet he did not desire to be the husband of an untrue woman. Therefore, he sought to put her away without it being known why he did so. The scriptures teach that while Joseph thought on these things, he fell asleep, and an angel paid him a visit. Listen to St. Matthew 1:20-21:

Verse 20 - But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

Verse 21 - And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

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Sister Annette Kilgore
Co-Founder


Sis Kilgore's Purity Club Message:

**Make Someone Happy Today-
For God Loveth A Cheerful Giver:**

When God blesses you with an abundance of anything, it is not always for you to store up and keep for yourself. Many times God blesses us that we might be a blessing to someone else. You can always find someone in need. You can also make someone happy in so many different ways. Sometimes just a loving smile or a handshake will make someone happy. Pick up the phone and give someone a call who might be going through a hard time. Just a conversation about God's goodness can cheer up a person. Sometimes people just want to feel needed or they

just want someone to listen to them. When you put out for someone else, God will bless you to be happy. God blesses us with different talents so we should use them to God's glory by doing something to bring sunshine to another. During the holiday season and throughout the year, if you know of someone who is lonely, pick up a nice card and send it to them. If someone is experiencing a personal problem, pick up the phone and give them a call. Tell them that you have been thinking about them, and try to encourage them to hold on.

If you are aware of someone experiencing financial difficulty, dig into your pocket and share with them. Letting someone know that you care for them will brighten their day. You will always be blessed, no matter what type of sacrifice you have to make to bring sunshine to another person.

I thank God for touching my heart one day and giving me the mind to help others. Whatever I can do to brighten someone's day, I thank God that he gives me the strength to do the same. Oh, what joy He gives me when I have to make that sacrifice to make someone else happy! Dear ones, may God bless you to make someone happy, not only during the holiday season, but throughout the year. *Have A Happy And Blessed Holiday Season!* 

Sunday School Review (Continued from page 1)

It is the Holy Ghost that gives you love, and implements love to the extent that it will produce peace and good will to others. Christ came to bring peace. Peace and love are the fruits of the Holy Spirit. You cannot have peace unless you have love. When love and peace are a part of a person's life, it will keep their heart and mind through Jesus Christ. You can have peace in the middle of confusion under these conditions. Trouble will not be able to disrupt your peace. This is peace from God. This is the peace we need. Life without peace from God is not worth living. The peace of God comes only to those who are born again. *(Continued on page 5)*

The Sick And Special Prayer List

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| <p><u>Sick List:</u> Bella Roberts Bertran Brown Bobbie Roberson Helen Smith India Miller Jackie Parham</p> | <p>Linda Steiner Mary Owenby Ms. McIntyre Nelsa-Lee Brown Roy Langley Vida Greene</p> | <p><u>Special Prayer List:</u> Anita Gross Billy & Loretta Payton Bonnie Warren Brenonda Jackson Cecil & Leona Moore Christy Adams Cindy Miller Heather & Leigh Gray Jimmy Coates Richard Gross Richard & Jeannie Richardson Jennifer Lawson's Family</p> | <p>Jessica Williams & Family Law Enforcement Personnel Mr. Poor Mrs. Parks People of Ukraine & Sudan President Joe Biden & Admin Ray Good & Family Greg & Shirley Robinson The Dorsey Family The Douglas Sisters Tonya Williams & Family US & Allied Troops Vance Brehon Vicky Kingdom</p> |
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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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Sunday School Review (Continued from page 4)

Peace is one of the greatest blessings that comes from heaven. The Holy Spirit brings this peace. This gift is only given to those who are filled with the Holy Spirit following the teachings of Christ. Blessings from heaven are given only to those who are eligible to become citizens of heaven. They would have repented of their sins and denied ungodliness and worldly lust. They would live soberly, righteously and Godly in this present world. Their heart will be steadfast in obedience to God. They will follow peace and love with all people regardless of their race, religion or ethnic origin. The eyes of the Lord will always be watching over such a person, and the Spirit of God will be continuously in their presence.

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 #145

| Book | Chapter | Verse | Word | Answer |
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| Romans | 1 | 7 | 17 | _____ |
| Philemon | 1 | 20 | 3 | _____ |
| Acts | 1 | 5 | 13 | _____ |
| Nehemiah | 8 | 11 | 11 | _____ |
| Habakkuk | 1 | 13 | 3 | _____ |
| Jonah | 3 | 5 | 7 | _____ |
| St. Matthew | 6 | 13 | 20 | _____ |
| St. John | 1 | 4 | 1 | _____ |
| Psalms | 115 | 14 | 11 | _____ |
| Exodus | 31 | 6 | 22 | _____ |
| I Kings | 8 | 39 | 15 | _____ |
| Hebrews | 10 | 16 | 3 | _____ |
| James | 2 | 7 | 10 | _____ |
| St. Luke | 11 | 45 | 17 | _____ |
| Genesis | 22 | 5 | 9 | _____ |
| St. Mark | 4 | 15 | 3 | _____ |
| Zechariah | 11 | 7 | 26 | _____ |
| Lamentations | 1 | 7 | 3 | _____ |
| Revelation | 5 | 5 | 2 | _____ |
| Numbers | 6 | 6 | 17 | _____ |
| Haggai | 2 | 13 | 21 | _____ |
| Philippians | 4 | 23 | 8 | _____ |
| Ephesians | 2 | 8 | 5 | _____ |
| Psalms | 100 | 4 | 14 | _____ |

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 Vocabulary Puzzle Answer:

Found In (Book, Chapter, and Verse):

Memory Verse

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

(Ephesians 5:20)

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' First Appearance, Which Was A Gift To The World, As Found In St. John 3:16-21:

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| COMETH | G | F | D | E | V | O | L | J | U | B | N | R | T | V | B |
| CONDEMN | R | L | I | F | E | A | E | G | I | K | M | O | S | U | E |
| DARKNESS | E | V | Y | A | C | F | I | H | S | I | R | E | P | J | L |
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Bible Trivia Activity

Unscramble The Underlined Letters in The Following Verse of Scripture to Reveal a Message:

"O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people."

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(Note: One letter is missing in the verse, so it is filled in for the answer)

(Answer will appear in next issue on 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 November 2023



The Good News Preacher's Message To All: (Continued from page 3)

In order for the people of the earth to be blessed, they can only be blessed through the commandments of God when they obey. Sin is disobedience to the commandments of God, so God sent Jesus to save us from sin so that we can be blessed. When Adam sinned, the blessing and joy that God wanted to give to the world were blocked, so God sent Jesus to open the door for the world to be blessed.

May The Lord Bless You Real Good!

Answers To Last Issues Bible Word Search

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Answer To Last Issue's Bible Trivia Activity:

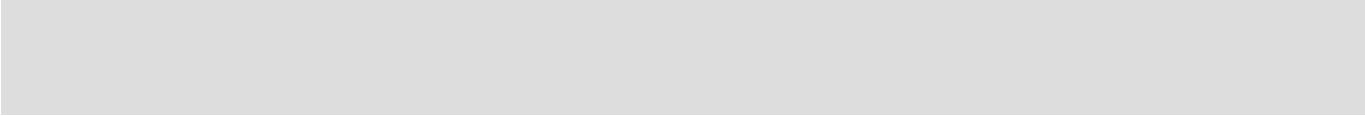
“And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom: and to depart from evil is understanding” (Job 28:28)

Answer To Last Issue's Bible Vocabulary Puzzle

“And Jesus answered him saying, it is written that man shall not live by bread alone but by every word of God.” (St. Luke 4:4)

Answers To Last Issue's Bible Vocabulary Puzzle

| <i>Book</i> | <i>Chap</i> | <i>Verse</i> | <i>Word</i> | <i>Answer</i> |
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| Numbers | 32 | 6 | 1 | And |
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| Genesis | 18 | 27 | 3 | Answer |
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| Isaiah | 50 | 4 | 20 | Word |
| Galatians | 1 | 19 | 3 | Of |
| Deuteronomy | 7 | 21 | 12 | God |



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