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



Sin is the works of the devil.

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True salvation is an act of God.

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Obedience to God gives eternal  
life.

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Sin will cut your life short.

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A devilish preacher can break  
down your resistance to sin.

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The word of God is a protector  
from death.

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

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Please don't reject the mercy of  
God.

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The word of God cannot fail you if  
you obey it.

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When God is in your life, he solves  
your personal problems.

Sunday School Review: "If You Are Born Again You Should Have Lived  
Two Lives"

Scriptures: Romans 8:1-2



If you are born again you should have experienced living two different lives. The first life should have been one of the flesh with sinful desires and practices, and the second life should be one of the Spirit of God, being made free from sin. Listen to Romans 8:1-2:

Verse 1 - There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Verse 2 - For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

When you are born again you should have acquired the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, which would make you free from the life of sin in the flesh. When you begin to walk in the Spirit of God you will be obedient to the command of God, and all of the condemnation that was against you when you were in the flesh will be removed.

When you are free from sin you are free from condemnation of the law of sin and death. If you experience the death of your physical body, (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:

#### 2021

<b>Ten-Day Fast &amp; Prayer Revival:</b>	<b>Oct 29<sup>th</sup> - Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 8:00 PM Nightly (Sun Eve - 7:00 PM)</b>
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***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](http://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.*



*Elder Alonzo F. Kilgore  
Founder*

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

### **Would You Like To Have A New Life In Righteousness?**

Now just because you were born in sin does not mean that you have to continue to live in sin. There is a vacancy in the Spirit of righteousness for anybody who desires to leave a life of sin, and occupy a life of righteousness. The price for such an entry into a life of righteousness has been paid on a place called Calvary. Calvary has taken the bill for everybody who wants to make this move.

The offer is that though you were born in sin, there is a new birth whereas you can be relieved from the miseries and penalty of your first birth of sin. The proposition is that you can enter into a spiritual state of living above sin with strength and power to never have to live in sin again. The Holy Spirit is on stand-by waiting to touch the lives of those who would like to make this transition. Such people will no longer have to suffer from the miseries of the misshapen creature that their first birth presented them to the world as. This new birth will give you a new life in Christ whereas you will be liberated from the sorrows of the old life.

### **How Do I Receive The New-Birth In Christ?**

You do not receive the new-birth in Christ by praying, crying, speaking in unknown tongues, shouting or falling out on the floor in some church. You get the new-birth by repenting of everything that you know is a sin. You must be willing to lay aside every sin that would easily beset you, or cause you to continue in sin.

When you want God to save you, you must allow the knowledge of the word of God to reason with you about some sins that are difficult to repent of. Listen to Isaiah 1:18:

Verse 18 - Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord:  
though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white  
as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall  
be as wool.

God is saying if you are sincere about your repentance that He will help with your sins by first showing you how unprofitable sin is. God will show you all the problems that you had in life because of your sins, and if you turn from your sins how much better your life will be.

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



Sister Annette  
Kilgore

**The New Life In Christ**

We learn from the scriptures that when we take on the new life in Christ, we are no longer the same. Our old life is hid in Christ, and all things are become new. We will no longer have a mind to partake of the things that please the flesh. When we take on the new life, our one desire is to let the will of God be done in our lives. In addition, when you take on the new life, the Holy Spirit causes you to clean house. You not only begin to clean up your soul, but your surroundings also. The same way that you start to clean out your mind from fleshly junk, you will also get rid of the junk around you. God will only put his Spirit in a house (soul) that has been swept and

garnished. Ephesians 4:22-24 teaches us the following:

- Verse 22 - That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;
- Verse 23 - And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;
- Verse 24 - And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created In righteousness and true holiness.

When you take on the new man or woman, you will find yourself forgiving those who do you wrong. You'll be more longsuffering towards your fellow man. Ephesians 4:31 and 32 teach us:

- Verse 31 - Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice.
- Verse 32 - And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake have forgiven you.

The new man causes you to be kind when others mistreat you. Never worry about people who mistreat you, because the scriptures teach us in Galatians 6:7 and 9: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." If you can just hold out, deliverance will surely come. "And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Why not give the new man a chance to improve your life?

May The Lord Bless You Real Good!

# The Sick And Special Prayer List

## Sick List:

Bella Roberts  
Bertran Brown  
Bobbie Roberson  
Helen Smith  
India Miller

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

## Special Prayer List:

Alan Frady  
Ava  
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

## Sunday School Review (Continued from page 1)

you will pass through the valley and the shadow of death. Death will be a pleasant rest in paradise. You will experience a change upon Jesus' return to put on a spiritual body to live a spiritual life in the kingdom of heaven throughout eternity.

## 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:

**The GOPA News - PO Box 1346 - Pisgah Forest, NC 28768, or call (828) 507-1388 or**

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## **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*

<i>Book</i>	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Verse</i>	<i>Word</i>	<i>Answer</i>	<i>Answer</i>
Numbers	12	13	11	_____	<b>2021</b>
St. Matthew	15	25	8	_____	
Judges	11	24	18	_____	

**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:*

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**Found In (Book, Chapter, and Verse):**

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**Memory Verse**

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”

*(Romans 10:9)*

**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 “If you are born again, you should have lived two lives”, as found in Romans 8:1-13:

**BODIES  
CARNALLY  
CHRIST JESUS  
CONDEMNATION  
DEATH  
DEEDS  
DWELL  
FLESH  
FULFILLED  
GOD  
LAW  
LIKENESS  
LIVE  
MORTAL  
PEACE  
QUICKEN  
RIGHTEOUSNESS  
SIN  
SON  
SPIRIT  
THEREFORE  
WALK  
WEAK**

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

**Bible Trivia Activity:**

Do you desire to have wisdom?? What does the Bible say “Wisdom” is?

(Clue: look in the Old Testament, 18<sup>th</sup> book, then add 10+18 for the chapter and the verse.)

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Book                  Chapter                  Verse

(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.



**Jeremy Douglas**  
Sword Drill Champion of Champions for September 2021

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

**Watch For A False Inspiration:**

You can very clearly see that you are saved, when you are living above the sinful things that you lived in before you professed to be a follower of Christ. Your own personal discretion is your best witness to your salvation; you know yourself better than anybody. If you are no different from what you were before you professed to be saved, then you can clearly see the truth about yourself. There is no spiritual advantage in being the same old sinner going to church in new clothes.

Don't let a church membership be the only evidence of your salvation. If there is no change in your private life, then your church membership is not worth anything. If you are inspired by being a preacher, deacon, trustee, or choir member in the church, such inspiration can be a false impression of salvation unless you are saved from the practice of sin in your private life.



**Answers To Last Issues Bible Word Search**

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

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
U	W	Z	A	X	Y	B	N	D	A	C	E	F	D	G
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
W	A	T	E	R	Q	E	Y	X	Z	P	R	M	J	L
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

AGAIN  
BLOWETH  
BORN  
FLESH  
GOD  
HEAREST  
JESUS  
JEWS

KINGDOM  
MARVEL  
MIRACLES  
MUST  
NICODEMUS  
OLD  
PHARISEES  
RULER

SECOND  
SPIRIT  
TEACHER  
TIME  
WATER  
WIND  
WOMB

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

"You Must Be Born Again"

(St. John 3:3)

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.

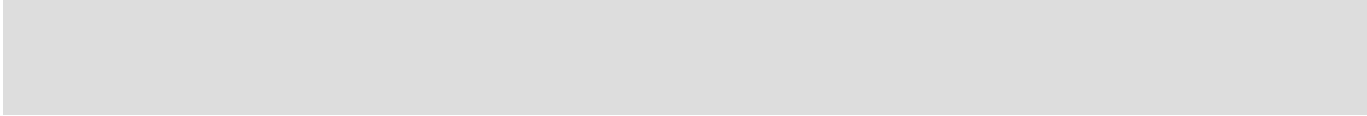
May God bless *you!*

<u>Book</u>	<u>Chap</u>	<u>Verse</u>	<u>Word</u>	<u>Answer</u>
Revelation	2	5	2	Therefore
I John	1	6	1	If
II Peter	3	9	22	Any
Titus	3	4	13	Man
Philemon	1	8	4	Be
Colossians	3	20	5	In
St. John	11	27	13	Christ
Acts	7	8	2	He
Amos	5	11	6	Is
Jonah	1	17	6	A
II Samuel	6	3	10	New
Romans	8	20	3	Creature
St. Luke	5	39	6	Old
Joel	2	21	15	Things
James	2	16	24	Are
II Chronicles	30	10	4	Passed
Hosea	2	2	21	Away
Proverbs	11	31	1	Behold
Esther	10	3	33	All
Hebrews	3	4	14	Things
Numbers	36	13	2	Are
Genesis	18	18	6	Become
Leviticus	23	16	19	New

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

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

II Corinthians 5:17



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