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Are You Ready???

Elder Kilgore Teaches Us How To Get Ready:



Evil is spreading rapidly.

Salvation means to be delivered from a life of sinful practices.

You must be taught the correct way to be saved by someone who has experienced it.

The first effort towards acquiring salvation in Jesus Christ is to repent.

To be sin-free gives you everlasting life.

When you commit sin, you are obeying the devil.

If God is in your church, he would be teaching you how to live above sin.

It will not be a pleasant sight for those who are not ready when Jesus returns.

The only hope for men is the Lord.

Sunday School Review: "Repentance"

Scriptures II Corinthians 7:10, St. Matthew 3:1-11



To repent means to be sorry with godly sorrow. In II Corinthians 7:10 it reads: "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death." If you have had an indifferent attitude towards your brothers and sisters of the faith, and upon discovering your attitude you begin to change to a better attitude, then such a change is repentance to God. and God will accept your repentance only if you never intend to be indifferent again. Such repentance is a godly repentance if you do not intend to do it again.

Now to be merely sorry is not enough for your repentance to reach God. You must regret that you demonstrated such an attitude to the extent that every desire to repeat it will be completely removed. Godly repentance is an outward change or turn about, but it is manipulated by an inward conviction. You must be so convicted in your heart that it causes your outward turn about. Repentance is a deep spiritual revolution in you that makes you detest your sinful ways to the extent that you will never do them again. When a criminal is sent to prison for committing a crime, if he is indeed sorry, proof of his sorrow will be that when he is released from prison, he never commits the crime again.

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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:	Feb 7th – Feb 16th 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

Where Are You Going When You Leave Here?

Now just because you are in this world having a good time does not mean that you are in this world to stay. Having fun can fool you. It can distract your attention from what is really coming down the road. You can be having such a good time that you will think that there is nothing else to life. You can be living just to have fun until an unexpected day of a new event surprises you.

It will be a wise thing to wear this life of fun as a loose garment, because you are going to leave here one day.

When the expression of wearing a loose garment is used in regard to life in this world, it means you must not have so many involvements and responsibilities that it will keep your mind from the thing that is more important than the things of this world. There is nothing that you can be doing in this life that will delay your departure when that time comes.

There is an appointed time when we will have to leave this world, and the fun that we are having will not have power to retain our presence in this world. It doesn't matter what you are doing, or how big and important you are, when the time comes, you have got to go. Now since you can't get out of going when the times comes, you do have a chance to make advance arrangements in Christ as to where you are going when you leave here.

Now the question may arise in your mind concerning "Where can we go when we leave here? Where you go will depend on the arrangements that you make. If you repent and believe the gospel of Jesus Christ, God will seal you with the Holy Spirit, which will be like a ticket stamped for you to go to a city whose builder and maker is God. The reality of this city will be revealed to you by the Spirit of God when you are filled with the Spirit.

The Invitation:

Thirty-seven years ago, God sent me an invitation to go to heaven to live in a holy society. I have accepted the invitation, and God has placed my name on His guest list, which is the Book of Life. The Holy Spirit has spiritually reconditioned, and educated me on how to be a citizen that is qualified to live in this new, holy society. The Holy Spirit has certified me to be in this new, holy society. If you are not holy, you cannot live in this new society. You must have the Spirit and nature of the holy citizens to be able to live in this holy society. Only the Holy Spirit can equip and qualify you to live in this new society.

When you acquire the mind to live in this society, God will send you an invitation, and the Holy Spirit will take you through a preparation process to be ready.

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Sis Kilgore's Purity Club Message



Sister Annette Kilgore
Co-Founder

Let Jesus Fix It For You:

Before Jesus Christ came into my life and saved me, I lived to please myself. It did not matter if I stepped on the toes of someone else. All that I could see was having my way and doing whatever it took to make me happy. I didn't believe in sharing, nor reaching out to help anyone. I did not show a lot of love for others. I was a very dishonest individual with very little sympathy for others. I believed the other person was wrong and I was right. Even though I displayed selfishness most of the time, I was still somewhat unhappy. It seemed that something was missing from my life, but I could not identify the missing pieces.

As time went on, I began to experience a distaste for the life I was living. I began to feel a strong power taking over in my mind. I could not fight the feeling. I then realized that only the Lord could fix my life. He was my only hope. That has been over 40 years ago. I thank the Lord, because he has replaced all those negative and unclean desires that I had with the fruit of "The Holy Spirit", as found in Galatians 5:22-23 (Original King James Version of the Bible):

Verse 22 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Verse 23 - Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

I thank God for saving me from such a hateful, contemptible life. My greatest desire today is to please God, and do whatever I can to help others. Today, I'm busy trying to make someone's day a little brighter, and their load a little lighter.

Why Not Let Jesus Fix It For You?

May The Lord God Bless You Real Good In 2025!

Happy New Year!

The Sick And Special Prayer List

Sick List:

Bella Roberts
 Bertran Brown
 Bobbie Roberson
 Don & Camille
 Helen Smith
 India Miller
 Kathy Parks
 Leona Galloway

Linda Steiner
 Mary Owenby
 Miss Bert
 Ms. McIntyre
 Nelsa-Lee Brown
 Richard Gross
 Sandy
 Vida Greene

Special Prayer List:

Anita Gross
 Billy & Loretta Payton
 Bob Kenlaw
 Bonnie Warren
 Brenonda Jackson
 Christy Adams
 Cindy Miller
 David William
 Derek Klein & Family
 Greg & Shirley Robinson
 Heather & Leigh Gray
 Helen Arnette
 Jessica Williams & Family

Law Enforcement Personnel
 Mr. Poor
 People of Gaza,
 People of Ukraine & Sudan
 President Joe Biden & Admin
 Ray Good & Family
 Richard & Jeannie Richardson
 Rita Covington
 Sandra Crane
 The Dorsey Family
 The Douglas Sisters
 Tonya Williams & Family
 US & Allied Troops
 Vicky Kingdom

Sunday School Review (Continued from page 1)

In St. Matthew 3:2, John the Baptist told the people: “Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

John introduced repentance and preached that acceptable fruit of repentance would be acknowledged by God when a person repents with such a sincere heart that they would never commit such a transgression again. You can't skip repentance and get the Holy Spirit. The process of salvation doesn't even start until after you repent.

John baptized the people with water unto repentance as a sign that they had turned from their sinful ways and accepted the instructions coming from the word of God. When you repent of your sins, you are honoring John's baptism, but when you are filled with the Holy Ghost, Jesus would have honored your repentance.

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 #151

Book	Chapter	Verse	Word	Answer
I Chronicles	19	18	1	_____
St. Matthew	8	6	11	_____
Jeremiah	2	7	12	_____
St. Matthew	1	20	11	_____
Genesis	1	4	13	_____
Romans	1	9	11	_____
I Samuel	2	24	6	_____
Deuteronomy	30	20	4	_____
I Samuel	18	6	39	_____
Isaiah	62	6	15	_____
Psalms	86	15	13	_____
II Samuel	22	36	13	_____
Exodus	33	19	9	_____
Habakkuk	2	4	20	_____
Zephaniah	2	3	19	_____
II Peter	1	6	4	_____
Proverbs	24	15	7	_____
Revelation	20	6	14	_____
Ecclesiastes	9	14	1	_____
Numbers	14	18	3	_____
Romans	5	13	18	_____
St. John	8	5	5	_____

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).

Puzzle Answer:

Found In:

Memory Verses:

*"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found,
call ye upon him while he is near".*

Isaiah 55:6

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 Those “Who Walk Not After The Flesh, But After The Spirit”, As Found In Romans, Chapter 8, Verses 1-15:

- ADOPTION
- BODY
- BONDAGE
- CHRIST JESUS
- CONDEMNED
- DEAD
- DEEDS
- FLESH
- FREE
- FULFILLED
- GOD
- LAW
- LIFE
- LIKENESS
- MORTIFY
- PEACE
- PLEASE
- RAISED
- RIGHTEOUSNESS
- SIN
- SON
- SPIRIT
- WALK

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Bible Trivia Activity

Fill In The Blanks To Complete The Following Verses Of Scripture Which Name The Fruit Of The Holy Spirit:

“But the fruit of the Spirit is _____, _____, _____, _____, _____,
 _____, _____, _____, _____: against such there is no law”.

Where in the Bible (Original King James Version) are these verses of scripture found?

_____ Book _____ Chapter _____ Verses _____ (See answer 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 January 2025***

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

The Holy Spirit was commissioned by God to make ready a people prepared to live in this society. Though God extends the invitation for the people of the earth to live in this holy society, most people have ignored and are not interested in what God is offering.

Today You Can Become A Citizen Of The Kingdom Of Heaven:

In order to become a citizen of the kingdom of heaven while you are on the earth you must live by the teachings of Jesus Christ. This means you will live a normal life like everybody else on earth does, only you will obey God in all that you do. Under these conditions, you will have the benefits and blessings of the kingdom of heaven as well as the earth.

Because Christ died, we will have a right to the kingdom of heaven. Christ's death gave a sinner an opportunity to put away his sins and become an heir to the kingdom of heaven. The invitation is now being extended to the sinner. The sinner can be converted from his sinful ways to righteous ways and receive benefits from the Constitution of heaven.

May God Bless You!

Answers To Last Issues Bible Word Search

F	E	M	M	A	N	U	E	L	B	J	E	S	U	S
I	A	C	S	I	N	S	D	F	S	A	V	E	G	J
R	H	O	L	Y	G	H	O	S	T	F	E	L	H	K
S	I	L	E	X	A	M	P	L	E	N	M	O	S	Q
T	P	R	G	O	D	T	S	S	O	N	U	R	V	X
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ANGEL	FIRSTBORN	PRIVILY
APPEARED	GOD	PUBLIC
BEHOLD	HOLY GHOST	SAVE
BIRTH	JESUS	SINS
CONCEIVED	JOSEPH	SON
EMMANUEL	LORD	VIRGIN
ESPOUSED	MARY	WILLING
EXAMPLE	MOTHER	

Answers To Last Issue's Bible Vocabulary Puzzle

<u>Book</u>	<u>Chap</u>	<u>Verse</u>	<u>Word</u>	<u>Answer</u>
Genesis	9	10	1	And
Proverbs	3	15	1	She
St. John	16	25	26	Shall
Leviticus	5	11	8	Bring
Revelation	12	13	19	Forth
II Kings	11	4	32	A
Jeremiah	38	1	4	Son
St. Matthew	8	24	1	And
III John	1	5	2	Thou
Deuteronomy	21	12	3	Shalt
James	5	14	8	Call
St. Luke	23	11	4	His
I Chronicles	4	41	5	Name
St. Luke	7	9	2	Jesus
Genesis	2	9	22	For
Exodus	40	20	2	He
Joshua	6	4	4	Shall
I Peter	3	21	10	Save
I Corinthians	14	25	7	His
Jude	1	5	20	People
Acts	26	18	9	From
Ezra	6	22	32	Their
Psalms	69	5	9	Sins

Answer To Last Issue's Puzzle:

“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins”. (St. Matthew 1:21)

Answer To Last Issue's Bible Trivia Activity:

- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1

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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