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Are You Ready???

Elder Kilgore Teaches Us How To
Get Ready:



Without a God-sent preacher, it will
be impossible to learn what is
required to be saved.

God's word is the only path to
safety.

If you obey the gospel of Christ,
you are safe.

The plan of salvation is only for the
living.

Speaking in unknown tongues is not
evidence of the Holy Spirit.

If you turn away from sin, God will
turn the desire to commit sin away
from you.

Death is a continuous nightmare
when you die without the Lord.

You do not want to spend eternity
separated from God.

To be holy means to be free
from sin.

Sunday School Review: "Are You Ready For Jesus?"
Scriptures: St. Luke 12:40, I Corinthians 15:52



Jesus came to bring hope to the people of the earth, and that hope is: though we die, we can live again. The Bible teaches us about Jesus' return and what we must do to be ready. It is wonderful to know that Jesus is coming, but it is more wonderful to know that you are ready. The word of God teaches to, "*Be ye therefore ready also: for the son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not*" (St. Luke 12:40).

In I Corinthians 15:52, it teaches that, "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed". This will happen so quickly that you will have to keep your mind on this event in order to not be taken by surprise.

Now, you do not have to keep your eyes on the sky, because you might be driving your car, but you can keep your mind on the sky and be ready. Now, if you are in confusion, fighting and fussing, your mind will not be on the sky, and you will be overtaken by Jesus' return and left behind. So, the word of God admonishes us to watch and pray. To watch means to watch your conduct, and be sure you are filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will help you to watch. The Holy Spirit will help you to be ready each day and hour of your life.

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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: 2024

2024

Ten-Day Fast & Prayer Revival:	Aug 2nd – Aug 11th 8:00 PM Nightly (Sun Eve - 7:00 pm)
Ten-Day Fast & Prayer Revival:	Oct 25th – Nov 3rd 8:00 PM Nightly (Sun Eve - 7:00 pm)

**Visit our website for Elder Kilgore's series of sermon books entitled
"Saved from Sin" now available for reading and/or printing at
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The Good News Preacher's Message To All



Elder Alonzo F. Kilgore
Founder

God's Warning About Sin:

God through the Holy Scriptures has given us a thorough outline of His plan for creating this world and placing man in charge. The scriptures also outline the work of redemption for those who will be saved, and the final judgment for those who will not be saved. In spite of the Theory of Evolution, and that the world is a million years old and is capable of lasting for ages to come, time will soon end, and eternity will disrupt the life cycle of humans on the earth.

The resources of the earth were only provided by God to last for a specific time. That is when the gospel of Jesus Christ shall be preached throughout the world for a witness, so that no human being will be able to stand before the judgment seat of Christ and say that they have never heard it. The end time will be the end of this present world, and will be concluded by the judgment. Now the end of time comes for some people every second of the day, but there will be an end for everybody at one time.

The world is becoming worse every day. People are more wicked, and Christianity is fading. Men of this time are merciless, and cold-blooded. Nature itself has responded to the wickedness of man by producing hurricanes, earthquakes, forest fires, and storms sending tidal waves and disasters. God is angry with the wicked every day, and His anger is manifested in nature.

In spite of the improvements of modern medicine, the conditions of the earth have changed so radically that human life cannot be sustained so that most people cannot live for the allotted time that God's word promises. All of this is due to the fact that man is a habit-forming creature who is prone to cultivate bad habits from which there is no deliverance except in Christ. Bad habits develop when we lean towards satisfaction of fleshly cravings. These are appetites of the flesh or sinful desires that only sinful practices can satisfy.

Many people today have failed to understand the message given in the scriptures, because false religious leaders of today have translated the scriptures to people in a misleading and confusing context. The scriptures have one basic purpose and message, and that is to repent or turn from your life of sin. People today have failed to understand that it is sin that separates them from God. Sin was used by Satan to construct a wall of partition between man and God, which eventually causes man to destroy himself.

The instructions given in the scriptures will give man good discretion, and lead men and women to do that which is wise and safe. God is love and for that reason, He warns and instructs man, telling him what the end to a life of sin will be. **(Continued on page 5)**

Sis Kilgore's Purity Club Message



Sister Annette Kilgore
Co-Founder

If Jesus Came To Your House:

If Jesus came unexpectedly to visit you one day, I wonder just what you would do. I'm sure you would serve him the best food, and give him your nicest room so that he could rest. Would you assure him that you're happy to have him visit you? On the other hand, when you saw Jesus at the door, could you greet him with outstretched arms? Or would you have to change your clothes, hide your magazines, and put the Bible where they had been?

And what about all that worldly music that you collect? Would you hide that and put some hymn books in their place? Could Jesus just walk right into your house, or would you be rushing about?

Would you keep up your usual family conversation or let those sinful friends come in, or would you hope they would stay away until Jesus' visit ends? Would you be happy to take Jesus wherever you plan to go, or would you change your plans after having second thoughts?

In your heart, would you be glad to have him stay forever and on and on, or would you really sigh with great relief when he at last had gone. **Just think about it.** It would be interesting to know just what you would really do if Jesus came in person to visit you.

In the Original King James Version of the Bible, St. Matthew 24:42 and 44 it teaches us as follows:

Verse 42 - *Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.*

Verse 44 - *Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.*

Are you prepared to meet Jesus if he should come today?

May The Lord Bless You Real Good!



The Sick And Special Prayer List

Sick List:

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

Linda Steiner
 Mary Owenby
 Mrs. Parks
 Ms. McIntyre
 Matthew Crane
 Nelsa-Lee Brown
 Sandy
 Vida Greene

Special Prayer List:

Anita Gross
 Billy & Loretta Payton
 Bonnie Warren
 Brenonda Jackson
 Christy Adams
 Cindy Miller
 Derek Klein & Family
 Gabriella Lemaire & Family
 Greg & Shirley Robinson
 Heather & Leigh Gray
 Helen Arnette
 Jakob Varesi & Family
 Jessica Williams & Family

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

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

When a person receives God’s instructions and warnings, the person will be able to see and comprehend the fact that sin corrupts the mind and destroys the body and soul. If a person continues in their sins, their own ways of life will kill them.

Christ expounded upon the Holy Scriptures during His ministry on earth, telling the people what the result of sin would be. The Law given by Moses and fulfilled by Christ was the beginning of man’s knowledge of what would happen if man continued in sin.

May God Bless You!

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 #149

Book	Chapter	Verse	Word	Answer
St. Mark	1	5	1	_____
Psalm	44	7	15	_____
Galatians	6	17	1	_____
I John	2	22	3	_____
Amos	1	13	32	_____
Micah	1	14	3	_____
Genesis	3	11	11	_____
Luke	2	17	9	_____
St. Matthew	5	40	9	_____
Jonah	2	7	20	_____
I Corinthians	15	4	17	_____
Hosea	2	8	21	_____
Nahum	1	10	12	_____
Daniel	3	17	11	_____
Titus	1	4	1	_____
St. John	8	32	11	_____
James	2	18	24	_____
I Kings	11	22	33	_____
Colossians	1	8	4	_____
Ephesians	6	17	6	_____
Zechariah	10	11	5	_____
Deuteronomy	32	20	31	_____
Romans	16	17	8	_____
II Peter	2	22	3	_____
Habakkuk	3	18	5	_____
Jude	1	17	18	_____
Philemon	1	25	6	_____

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).

Memory Verses:

“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

II Peter 3:9

Puzzle Answer:

Found In:

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:

St. Luke 12:37-40: Search To Find Words Related To “Being Ready For Jesus’ Return, As Found In St. Luke 12:37-40:

- BLESSED
- BROKEN
- COMETH
- FORTH
- GIRD
- GOODMAN
- HOUR
- HOUSE
- LORD
- MAN
- NOT
- READY
- SECOND
- SERVANTS
- SERVE
- SON
- SUFFERED
- THEREFORE
- THIEF
- THINK
- THIRD
- VERILY
- WATCH

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

Bible Trivia Activity

Fill in the blanks with the words below to give a message of warning from the Holy Scriptures:
(Hint: some words may be used more than once)

“And if any man shall take away from the _____ of the _____ of this _____, _____ shall take away his part out of the _____ of _____, and out of the _____ city, and from the things which are _____ in this _____”.

holy prophecy life God book written words (See Answers 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 Champions" and receives a prize. "Thumbs To The Backs Of Your Bibles, Draw Swords, ONE, TWO!"



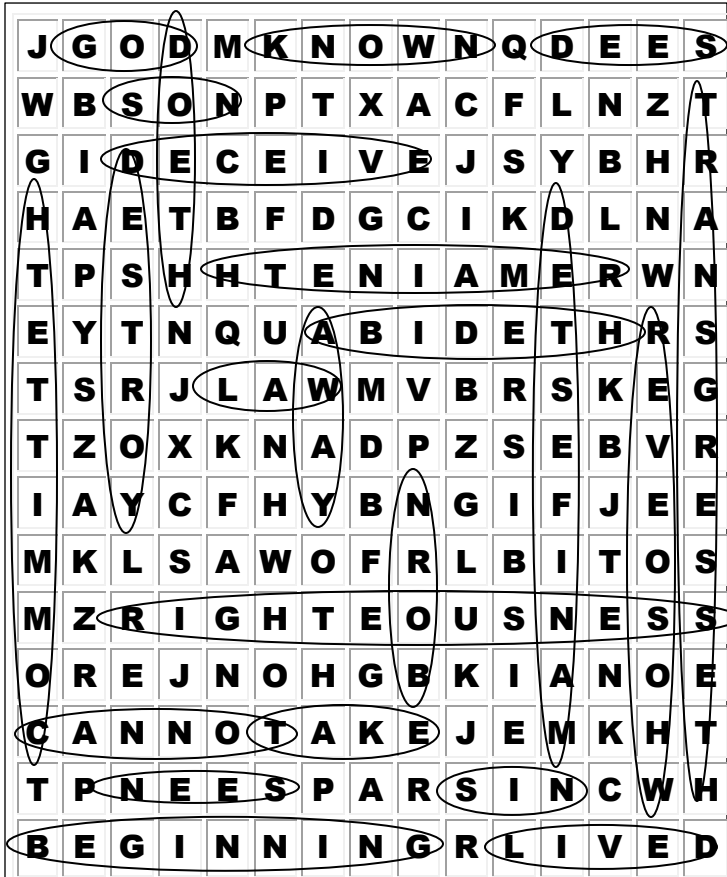
Rosa Douglas
Sword Drill Champion of Champs for July 2024

Sunday School Review (continued from page 1):

Jesus will reward each person according to their works as they shall be when He comes, and not as they were, or as they are going to be, but as they are when He comes. No matter how good you have been, if you have become bad just before He returns, it will not be good for you. Be careful of the church that you are attending; if the members are not obedient to the word of God, you should leave that church and worship God at home.

Remember Job who worshipped God every morning by himself in fear that his family was not obeying God. Daniel also worshipped God by himself. God only accepts worship services when the worshipers are sin-free and obeying His word. The word of God is true and there are no mistakes in what it teaches. Just as sure as you see the sun rise, so shall the Son of man come with a big surprise for millions who will not be ready. Many people are going to be caught participating in acts of sin, and they will not have time to correct themselves. Some will be caught drinking liquor, committing fornication, or adultery, lying, gambling, and stealing. But, if you desire to be ready, God has commissioned the Holy Spirit to help you, and Jesus' return will be sweet for you.

Answers To Last Issues Bible Word Search



ABIDETH	DEVIL	SEED
AWAY	DOETH	SEEN
BEGINNING	GOD	SIN
BORN	KNOWN	SON
CANNOT	LAW	TAKE
COMMITTETH	MANIFESTED	TRANSGRESSETH
DECEIVE	REMAINEETH	WHOSOEVER
DESTROY	RIGHTEOUSNESS	

Answer To Last Issue's Bible Trivia Activity:

You must have a **God Sent** pastor teaching you in order to be to be saved from sin.

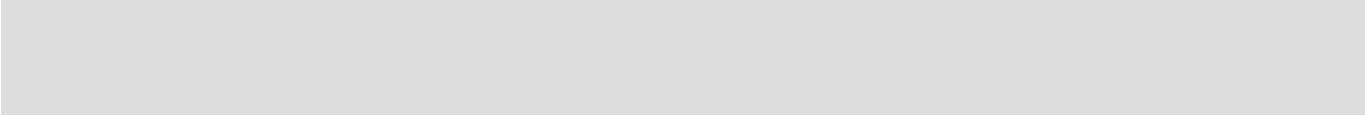
Answer To Bible Vocabulary Puzzle:

II Peter 2:1 →

Answers To Last Issue's Bible Vocabulary Puzzle

<i>Book</i>	<i>Chap</i>	<i>Verse</i>	<i>Word</i>	<i>Answer</i>
Genesis	2	6	1, 2	But there
Acts	9	23	6	were
Matthew	7	15	3, 4	false prophets
Galatians	2	10	14	also
James	5	14	4	among
Daniel	3	29	18, 8	the people
Colossians	3	13	16, 17	even as
Job	5	19	11, 12	there shall
Deuteronomy	19	18	13, 15	be false
Isaiah	30	20	20	teachers
Haggai	2	3	4, 5	among you
Psalms	101	5	1, 3	who privily
Romans	10	6	18, 25	shall bring
I John	5	20	28	In
II Peter	2	1	24	damnable
I Corinthians	11	19	6	heresies
Habakkuk	3	13	10	even
Jude	1	4	29	denying
II Timothy	1	16	1, 2	the Lord
Revelation	6	11	17	that
Luke	17	28	17	bought
Titus	1	15	10, 14	them and
Obadiah	1	4	20	bring
Philippians	2	17	7	upon
Hebrews	6	6	16	themselves
Malachi	3	5	15	swift
Hosea	9	6	8	destruction

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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