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Are You Ready???

*Elder Kilgore Teaches Us How To
Get Ready:*



Obedience is always honored above
all that God requires.

Only in Christ can you stand against
the troubles of this life.

Grace is a free pass to the Kingdom
of Heaven

You can only maintain salvation by
living above sin.

You must be made righteous to
qualify to get to heaven.

When you are made righteous you
are no longer a sinner.

Your heart becomes pure when the
love of God is ruling in it.

You cannot enter the Kingdom of
Heaven without the Holy Spirit.

If a sinner will separate from his
sinful ways, God will help him.

**Sunday School Review: "The Holy Spirit Is A Teacher Of
Righteousness"**

Scriptures: St. John 14:23-26



The Holy Ghost is a teacher of righteousness. The Holy Ghost only teaches the gospel that Jesus taught. The Holy Ghost does not teach anything about itself. When humans are born again of the Holy Ghost, they will not magnify themselves, but the teachings of Jesus Christ.

You get the Holy Spirit by repenting of your sins, and putting forth an effort to obey God's word. The Holy Spirit will come into your life to help you to obey God if your repentance is sincere. The Holy Ghost will do this because the word of God is Jesus Christ, and the Spirit and the word will make their abode in your mind (St. John 14:23). They will take up residence in your mind because they work together as one power to give you salvation. Without the Holy Spirit, the word of God will not stay in your mind (St. John 6:63).

When you are baptized in water, this procedure is merely an open testimony of what the Holy Ghost has actually done in your life. After you are filled with the Holy Ghost, it will remain in your life for the remaining time that you live on the earth (St. John 14:26). The Holy Ghost will serve as a guide, teacher, counselor, and give you extra strength to live righteously (St. John 16:13). *(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: 2025

2025

Ten-Day Fast & Prayer Revival:	August 8th – August 17th 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

If A Man Desires To Be A Religious Leader:

If a man desires to be a religious leader (pastor, teacher, evangelist, bishop, etc.) he desires a good work, but he has many qualifications to meet. If he can meet the qualifications that God gives, it means that perhaps God sent him. That will be between the man and God.

A religious leader sent by God must be blameless, which means God must have started working in his life preparing him for the ministry before he was saved, and later God calls him. God does not call any minister that he doesn't save first, and whose life he has not cleaned up.

Before the man proceeds in his ministry, he must be blameless. He must also be the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality and apt to teach. The minister must be vigilant or watchful of himself and those that God has given him to lead. He must be sober-minded, that is, with a good, sound spiritual mind, alert to the teachings of the word of God as it applies to his own life, and those with whom he is involved.

He must have good behavior, not an instigator in other people's business, or flirtatious with other women in the church. A flirtatious religious leader is of the devil. The minister of the Lord should be of good behavior and given to hospitality. He should be a good host to invite friends and visitors in his home and to serve them, caring for their needs. He must be apt to teach. He must have the patience and the ability to teach the word of God in simplicity, that others will be able to understand it. He must not drink alcoholic beverages, but a little fruit drink that has not been fermented into a beverage that contains alcohol.

The minister of the Lord must not be a striker. A striker is a fighter; such a minister should not be a fighter with words, nor otherwise. Vengeance should not be part of his spiritual make up. The minister of the Lord should not be greedy for filthy lucre. If he is after money, God did not send him. He should be patient and longsuffering in dealing with people, not one who argues or brawls with others because of some disagreement or difference of opinion. He should be willing to listen to other people's point of view, being patient with them. A minister of the Lord should be able to rule well his own house, keeping his children under subjection as a controlling force. If he can't rule his own wife, children and household, there is no way he can take care of the Church of God.



Sister Annette Kilgore
Co-Founder

Sis Kilgore's Purity Club Message

Love

Before the Lord came into my life and saved me, I would only show love to certain people. Somehow, I believed it was all right to love people who did good to you and not care anything about others. If the other person was nice to me, I was ready and willing to show them love. If my next-door neighbor was mean and hateful, then I showed no love to my neighbor, and it didn't bother me at all. I worked hard at giving them the same treatment they gave me.

However, now that Christ has come into my life, and I understand the word of God much better, through the preaching of the

gospel, I've learned what true love is all about. God's love is true love. It never changes. It shows no partiality and is always willing to reach out and help others. Now, if I can do anything to show the love of God, I am more than willing to do so; it does not matter what color you are. The love of God in me causes me to show compassion for others. Whenever I can do something to lighten someone's load or bring sunshine to another individual less fortunate (spiritually speaking) than myself, I am more than willing to do so. One thing is certain, you will know of a truth if you have the love of God in your heart when your spirit can match up with this scripture found in St. Matthew 5:43- 44 and 46:

Verse 43 - *Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.*

Verse 44 - *But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;*

Verse 46 - *For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?*

In closing, I can say from a true heart, "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39).

May The Lord Bless You Real Good!

The Sick And Special Prayer List

Sick List:

Bella Roberts
Bertran Brown
Bobbie Roberson
Desmond Martin
Hazel Kruse
Helen Smith
India Miller
Kathy Parks
Leona Galloway

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

Special Prayer List:

Anita Gross
Billy & Loretta Payton
Bob Kenlaw
Bonnie Warren
Christy Adams
Cindy Miller
David William
Derek Klein & Family
Greg & Shirley Robinson
Heather & Leigh Gray
Jessica Williams & Family
Kimberly Cooper & Family
Law Enforcement Personnel
Mack Holloway

People of Gaza,
People of Ukraine & Sudan
President Donald Trump & Admin
Ray Good & Family
Richard & Jeannie Richardson
Sandra Crane
Sharon Covington
The Dorsey Family
The Douglas Sisters
Tonya Williams & Family
US & Allied Troops
Vicky Kingdom

Sunday School Review (continued from page 1):

The Holy Ghost will assist you in everything that you need in life (Romans 8:28).

The Holy Ghost will help to increase your intelligence, character, and add virtues to your life, making you more socially refined. It will expand your gift or talent, helping you to be a more industrious member of society. The Holy Ghost will also help you to understand the word of God, and give you assistance on how to apply righteous principles to your way of living.

The Holy Spirit will improve your health, and physical ability. The Holy Spirit will take away your appetite that you may have previously had for such things as smoking cigarettes, drinking alcoholic beverages, or using illegal drugs. The Holy Spirit is the power of God that will burn up every sinful desire that you could not help from practicing before you were saved.

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 #153

Book	Chapter	Verse	Word	Answer
Exodus	3	22	9	_____
I John	2	19	1	_____
Leviticus	26	1	2	_____
The Acts	5	39	18	_____
Genesis	16	12	12	_____
Philemon	1	20	8	_____
Numbers	28	19	1	_____
I Corinthians	7	14	27	_____
Judges	16	11	19	_____
St. John	7	45	19	_____
I Samuel	2	9	23	_____
St. Luke	20	19	31	_____
Joshua	1	7	24	_____
St. Matthew	4	10	10	_____
I Kings	17	18	8	_____
St. Mark	1	7	18	_____
Psalms	23	4	21	_____
II John	1	5	5	_____
Isaiah	14	22	8	_____
Colossians	3	20	14	_____
Job	2	7	10	_____
James	1	1	12	_____
Galatians	1	4	10	_____
Deuteronomy	28	11	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).

Puzzle Answer:

Found In:**Memory Verse:**

"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 "False Preachers and Pastors", As Found In II Peter, Chapter 2:

ASTRAY
BEGUILING
BONDAGE
CONDEMNED
CORRUPTION
COVETOUSNESS
DAMNATION
DENYING
DESTRUCTION
ENTANGLED
FEIGNED
HERESIES
JUDGMENT
MERCHANDISE
PERISH
PERNICIOUS
SELFWILLED
UNCLEANNES
UNGODLY
UNLAWFUL
UNRIGHTEOUSNESS
VANITY
VEXED

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

Bible Trivia Activity

Unscramble these words and fill in the blanks for the following verse of scripture where Jesus describes the type of fruit a good tree (good pastor) will bring forth, and the type of fruit a corrupt tree (bad pastor) will bring forth:

gdoo eetr hgnbriet doog rufti orcuptr rtee veli vritf

"Even so every _____ forth _____; but a
_____ bringeth forth _____."

(In what book, chapter and verse of the Bible do we find this verse of scripture?)

_____ Book

_____ Chapter

_____ Verse

CONGRATULATIONS SISTER KILGORE



We thank God for having spiritual leaders who over the years have been true servants and ministers of God. They not only serve the word of God through the gospel being preached, taught and practiced in their lives, but also through community service.

Sis Annette Kilgore has worked diligently with several charitable or, nonprofit organizations in the Transylvania County community for over 30 years. To name a few, she continues to work with Habitat for Humanity, The Children's Center and Transylvania Christian Ministries (The Sharing House).

She recently received an award from one of the nonprofits for her service, and it stated: **"Transylvania Habitat for Humanity recognizes Annette Kilgore for her tireless efforts in nonprofit work throughout our community, including Transylvania Habitat for Humanity. Thank you for your service Annette."** We are thankful for having such a leader who is a true example for us and others.

Sis Kilgore recently celebrated her 89th birthday. We would also like to extend congratulations to Elder and Sis Kilgore as they celebrate their 55TH wedding anniversary on May 22, 2025, Lord willing. May God continue to bless you both.

The Purity Club Champion of Champions

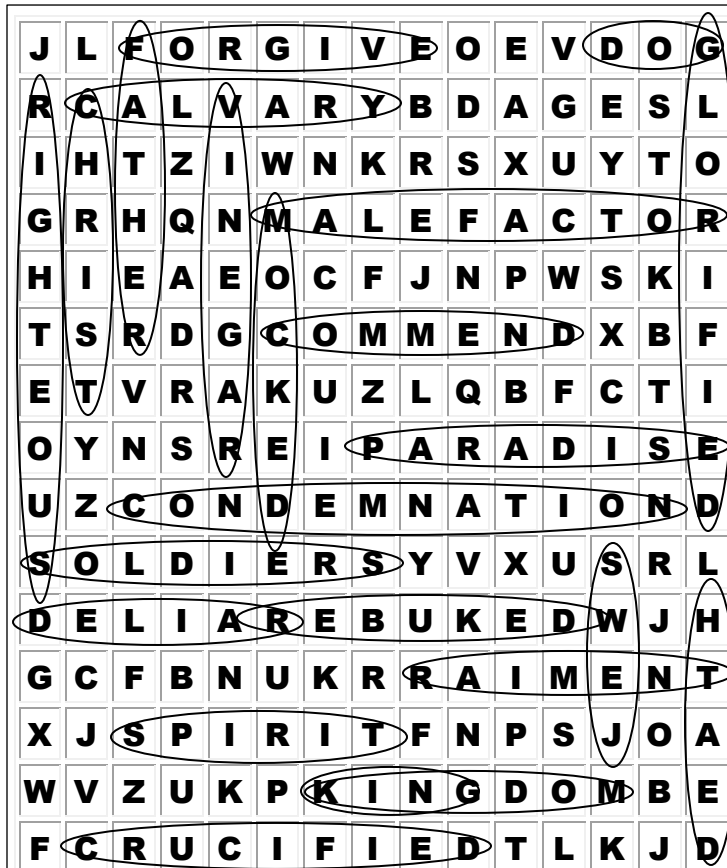
One Purity Club activity, the Sword Drill, is a scripture-finding exercise. The participants stand in line and they are asked to find scriptures, responding to this call - "Thumbs to the backs of your Bibles, draw swords one two, find St. Matthew 5:48", for example.

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!"

Sword Drill Champion of Champs for May 2025 is Rosa Douglas

Answers To Last Issues Bible Word Search



CALVARY
CHRIST
COMMEND
CONDEMNATION
CRUCIFIED
DEATH
FATHER
FORGIVE

GLOVER
GOD
JEWS
KING
KINGDOM
MALEFACTOR
MOCKED
PARADISE

RAILED
RAIMENT
REBUKED
RIGHTEOUS
SOLDIERS
SPIRIT
VINEGAR

Answers To Last Issue's Bible Vocabulary Puzzle

<i>Book</i>	<i>Chap</i>	<i>Verse</i>	<i>Word</i>	<i>Answer</i>
Judges	9	13	17, 18	And Go
Revelation	3	11	4	Quickly
Amos	4	13	8	And
Daniel	2	7	9, 10	Tell His
St. John	16	17	6	Disciples
Obadiah	1	20	14	That
Genesis	20	5	16, 17	He is
Ruth	2	15	5	Risen
Mark	6	14	22, 23	From the
Exodus	21	34	20	Dead
Proverbs	1	3	10	And
Ezra	9	15	19	Behold
Daniel	4	29	7	He
Job	7	9	12	Goeth
Romans	3	19	33	Before
Numbers	14	25	17, 18	You into
Isaiah	9	1	45	Galilee
II Timothy	2	20	6	There
Malachi	1	11	18	Shall
Song of Solomon	6	13	15, 16	Ye see
Luke	1	11	5	him
Acts	27	24	12	Lo
Philippians	2	20	2, 3	I Have
I Thessalonians	3	4	9, 10	Told You

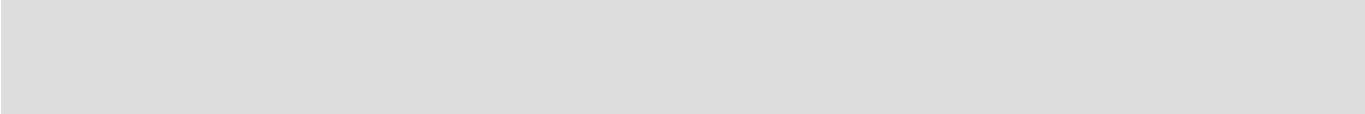
Answer: "And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you."

(St. Matthew 28:7)

Answer To Last Issue's Bible Trivia Activity:

He Is Risen

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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