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## Are You Ready???

Elder Kilgore Teaches Us How To  
Get Ready:



God calls a person to be saved from  
sin.

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To live above sin means to do that  
which is right.

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If you are a sinner, Jesus is not your  
minister nor your Savior.

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

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The mind cannot have contentment  
without God.

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The preaching of the gospel is not  
for entertainment, but a warning to  
people of the earth.

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Only Christ can make you ready for  
death.

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Being saved is serious business.

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Take heed to the warnings of God.

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God will not save you after you die.

## Sunday School Review: "Does God Hear Your Prayers?" Scriptures: St. John 9:31



God's hearing is reciprocal. If you hear God, he will hear you. There are prerequisites for being able to pray to God. Unless we have met the qualifications to be able to pray, then God will not hear our prayers.

The first and most important requirement is that our lives must be free from sin. If there are things that we are doing wrong, God will reveal it to us. Nevertheless, God does not hear a sinner's prayers no matter how much a sinner thinks that God has given him or her many material blessings. His sun shines on the just as well as the unjust (St. Matthew 5:45).

St. John 9:31 reads, "Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth". Along with a life that is free from sin, one must present prayers to God that are free from sin also. If a person regards iniquity in his heart, God will not hear their prayers (Psalm 66:18).

If a person has hatred or ill feelings in his or her heart towards another person, God will not hear their prayers. Prayers to God must be free from greed, selfishness, emulations and revenge. A person's prayers should be centered around petitions for other people rather than one's self. *(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: 2023**

**2023**

<b>Ten-Day Fast &amp; Prayer Revival:</b>	<b>Oct 27<sup>th</sup> – Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 8:00 PM Nightly (Sun Eve - 7:00 PM)</b>
<b>Watch Meeting Service</b>	<b>December 31<sup>st</sup> - 10:30 pm</b>



**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](http://www.thecoggopa.org)**

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## The Good News Preacher's Message To All



Elder Alonzo F. Kilgore  
Founder

### **Only The Holy Spirit Can Replace The Sinful Nature:**

When humans are born in sin, it is sin that works in them controlling their lives and causing them to be separated from God. Listen to Romans 7:17, “Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me”. We cannot remove our sins. Our sins can only be removed when we surrender our lives to Christ. When people desire to have joy and pleasures in life, and they are sinners, their sins will be a part of their pleasures.

Their sins will cause them to enjoy such things as fornication, adultery, liquor drinking, and illegal drug usage.

When sin is in the nature of humans, it causes them to seek for sinful pleasures to satisfy the cravings of the sinful human nature. Everybody is seeking happiness, but unless the Holy Spirit saves a person from the desires of the sinful nature, they will be deceived by their own sinful desires.

When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, it burns up the nature of sinful desires and gives you the divine nature of God (St. Matthew 3:11). When you have the nature of God, the Holy Spirit will give you joy. You will then be able to enjoy the fruit of the Holy Spirit that will cause you to rejoice in the Spirit. Joy from the Holy Spirit is holy joy, which is sin-free. Such joy comes from heaven.

The sinful pleasures of the flesh come from the earth, which is contrary to the joy from heaven. Listen to Galatians 5:17, “For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would”.

When you have a sinful nature, you are in the flesh and you cannot rejoice in the Spirit, because the fruit of the Spirit are contrary to sinful desires of the flesh. Listen to Galatians 5:19-21: “Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God”.

When you have the Holy Spirit, you can rejoice with the fruit of the Spirit, which are as follows: “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law” (Galatians 5:22-23).



Sister Annette Kilgore  
Co-Founder

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

### **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 hath 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:

Verse 7 - Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

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## The Sick And Special Prayer List

<p><b><u>Sick List:</u></b>          Bella Roberts          Bertran Brown          Bobbie Roberson          Helen Smith          India Miller</p>	<p>Linda Steiner          Mary Owenby          Ms. McIntyre          Nelsa-Lee Brown</p>	<p><b><u>Special Prayer List:</u></b>          Anita Gross          Billy &amp; Loretta Payton          Bonnie Warren          Brenonda Jackson          Cecil &amp; Leona Moore          Christy Adams          Heather &amp; Leigh Gray          Jimmy Coates          Richard Gross          Richard &amp; Jeannie Richardson          Jennifer Lawson's Family          Jessica Williams &amp; Family</p>	<p>Law Enforcement Personnel          People of Ukraine &amp; Sudan          President Joe Biden &amp; Admin          Ray Good &amp; Family          Greg &amp; Shirley Robinson          The Dorsey Family          The Douglas Sisters          Tonya Williams &amp; Family          US &amp; 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 1)**

Under no condition should prayers be presented to God to impress fellow church members; that is hypocrisy. If you have obeyed God's commandments, ask what ye will and it shall be granted unto you.

**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 #144**

Book	Chapter	Verse	Word	Answer
Numbers	32	6	1	_____
Acts	20	35	25	_____
Genesis	18	27	3	_____
St. Matthew	8	4	5	_____
I Samuel	1	20	26	_____
St. Mark	1	9	2	_____
Job	5	7	3	_____
St. Luke	4	8	16	_____
Isaiah	55	1	4	_____
I Corinthians	7	2	7	_____
Psalms	37	9	3	_____
St. John	8	16	13	_____
Ezekiel	37	3	12	_____
Acts	1	16	15	_____
Exodus	29	2	3	_____
St. Luke	4	34	4	_____
Esther	1	12	1	_____
Romans	12	1	6	_____
Ezra	10	14	32	_____
Isaiah	50	4	20	_____
Galatians	1	19	3	_____
Deuteronomy	7	21	12	_____

***Bible Vocabulary Puzzle Answer:***

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

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**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 Verse**

"For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

(St. Matthew 16:26)

**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 “The Importance Of Being Born Again While There Is Still Time”, As Found In I Thessalonians 5:1-10:

COMETH	T	Z	Y	X	W	V	U	C	S	N	O	S	A	E	S
DARKNESS	S	A	L	V	A	T	I	O	N	T	S	R	Q	P	A
DAY	I	K	O	J	I	H	G	M	F	D	E	C	B	A	F
DESTRUCTION	R	P	V	O	N	G	M	E	S	C	A	P	E	L	E
DRUNKEN	H	K	E	B	A	I	D	T	F	C	G	E	H	N	T
ESCAPE	C	L	T	E	M	L	E	H	N	X	Z	A	Y	E	Y
FAITH	S	Q	P	N	K	W	A	T	C	H	R	C	A	D	H
HELMET	U	T	S	O	N	E	K	N	U	R	D	E	N	D	F
HOPE	S	J	W	V	U	T	S	P	L	V	A	R	O	U	E
LIGHT	E	C	Y	E	B	D	S	O	B	E	R	Z	A	S	I
LORD JESUS CHRIST	J	A	X	R	E	P	O	H	Y	N	K	T	P	U	H
LOVE	D	E	S	T	R	U	C	T	I	O	N	I	G	H	T
NIGHT	R	B	D	A	F	H	E	I	C	K	E	J	I	L	Q
OVERTAKE	O	M	R	K	U	T	S	A	V	Z	S	L	E	E	P
PEACE	L	H	G	E	P	V	X	F	R	G	S	N	C	F	R
SAFETY															
SALVATION															
SEASONS															
SLEEP															
SOBER															
SUDDEN															
THIEF															
WATCH															

**Bible Trivia Activity**

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

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(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

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Chapter

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Verse

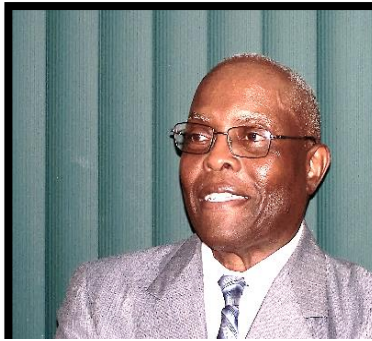
(Answer will appear in next issue on page 9)

## *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.

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!"



***Peter Douglas***  
***Sword Drill Champion of Champs for September 2023***

### **Sis Kilgore's Purity Club Message** (Continued from page 4)

If you can just hold out, deliverance will surely come.

Verse 9 - 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!



**Answers To Last Issues Bible Word Search**

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

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DISSIMULATION  
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FERVENT  
HOLY  
HOSPITALITY  
OVERCOME  
PEACEABLY  
PREFERRING  
PRESENT  
PROPORTION

REASONABLE  
RECOMPENSE  
RENEWING  
SACRIFICE  
SIMPLICITY  
SOBERLY  
TRANSFORMED

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

<u>Book</u>	<u>Chap</u>	<u>Verse</u>	<u>Word</u>	<u>Answer</u>
Genesis	1	1	2	The
II Timothy	1	11	6	Preacher
St. Matthew	26	59	11	Sought
Nahum	3	7	5	To
Job	34	11	17	Find
St. Luke	8	5	4	Out
Psalms	19	14	14	Acceptable
Acts	2	22	7	Words
Philemon	1	16	26	And
Joel	1	4	1	That
Colossians	2	10	7	Which
Jonah	4	6	33	Was
Exodus	32	15	24	Written
Philippians	2	5	8	Was
Daniel	10	11	22	Upright
Zechariah	6	10	7	Even
Hebrews	12	19	11	Words
II Corinthians	4	4	5	Of
Galatians	2	14	13	Truth

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

“The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth”.  
Ecclesiastes 12:10

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

great wine strong drink Holy Ghost mother's

“For he shall be **great** in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither **wine** nor **strong drink**, and he shall be filled with the **Holy Ghost**, even from his **mother's** womb.”

(St. Luke 1:15)

Our thanks to **Frank and Betty King** of Columbia, MD for completing and submitting their answers to last issue's Bible Vocabulary puzzle. May God Bless You!



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