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Are You Ready???

Elder Kilgore Teaches Us How To
Get Ready:



Sin is disrespect to God.

You cannot worship God and be a
sinner.

God desires to save you but he
cannot repent for you.

When you obey the word of God It
will keep you safe when trouble
comes.

The only hope for man is the Lord.

To be sanctified means to be made
holy or sin-free.

You can be a clean person and not
have the Spirit of God.

Unless you are free from sin, you are
not complete in Christ.

It's hard for a person to tell the truth
without the Spirit of God.

Sunday School Review: "The Holy Spirit Versus Nature" Scriptures: Romans 8:6-7, 9-10



God is not nature, but He can use and control nature. If God does not control nature, it would make life so difficult that most humans would not be able to survive. In making the creation, God spoke to nature. Nature is a means by which God works to accomplish His purpose. God can at any time reverse the ways of nature, causing it to do things the opposite of the way it normally functions.

Humans live and do things according to their natural tendencies, and the natural tendencies of humans is to commit sin. When God is going to save humans, He reverses the natural tendencies of humans causing them to live righteously. This is done by the power of God's Holy Spirit. Nature is unholy, God uses His Holy Spirit to make nature do things contrary to its normal way of doing things.

It is natural for people to hate those whom they do not like, so the Holy Spirit can come into a person's life, and make them love a person that they at one time hated. Nature does not like the Holy Spirit because it is contrary to nature's ways. When a person is born into the world, the nature of a person causes the person to be carnally minded, which means they will by nature have a mind to be contrary to the holy ways of God. This means that the nature of a person will cause them *(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: 2026

2026

Ten-Day Fast & Prayer Revival:	Aug 7th – Aug 16th 8:00 pm Nightly (Sun Eve - 7:00 pm)
Ten-Day Fast & Prayer Revival:	Oct 30th – Nov 8th 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

Are You Qualified To Go To Heaven?

Most people think that they are going to heaven when they leave this world. Heaven is the dwelling place of God where no sin nor sinners will be able to enter. There will be no night in heaven, because the presence of God will light up that new habitation by the glory of God.

You cannot get into the New Jerusalem unless you are qualified, and you must qualify while living on the earth. You will need the Holy Spirit to get into the kingdom of heaven.

The Holy Spirit is the preparation process for getting into heaven. The Holy Spirit is the only means that will give you access to the beautiful city called heaven. God will not feel sorry for you while you are dying and give you the Holy Spirit so that you can get into heaven.

You impress God that you want the Holy Spirit to get into heaven while you are living and doing well. You must first repent of your sins with the intent of not going back to a life of sin. If your repentance is sincere, God will take you through a test, and give you the Holy Spirit to help you so that you will know that you are sincere. When you pass your test that will be evidence that you have the Holy Spirit, and then you are qualified to go to heaven.

A Certified Passage Into The Kingdom Of Heaven:

God sent Jesus Christ into the world that you and I might be born again. No matter how nice of a person you are, your first birth is not acceptable to God, and will not allow you to have an entry into the kingdom of heaven.

When you are born again your second birth will be a conception of Christ being born in your mind. This conception will take place by the power of the Holy Spirit conceiving Christ in you. Only Christ can get you into the kingdom of heaven. Jesus is the only one who can give you the new-birth.

Jesus was presented to the world as an incorruptible seed. He was the incorruptible word of God who had power to install in the minds of humans this seed that would give humans the birth of a new mind. This seed would cause their minds to have power to control their physical actions to be sin-free. This would then qualify humans to enter the kingdom of heaven. Humans would then be born again of the word and the Spirit of God, and be redeemed from death. They would have a certified passage from a condemned life of sin resulting from their first birth to a life in the kingdom of heaven resulting from their second birth.



Sister Annette Kilgore
Co-Founder

Sis Kilgore's Purity Club Message

How To Serve God And Each Other:

In the Sermon on the Mount, and on other occasions, Jesus gave his hearers new insight into the nature of God, and how men should serve God and each other. There is so much hope in the Beatitudes, and if you can relate, you are truly blessed. The scriptures teach us in St. Matthew 5:2-12, the following:

Verse 2 - And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

Verse 3 - *Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Verse 4 - *Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.*

Verse 5 - *Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.*

Verse 6 - *Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.*

Verse 7 - *Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.*

Verse 8 - *Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.*

Verse 9 - *Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.*

Verse 10 - *Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Verse 11 - *Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.*

Verse 12 - *Rejoice, and be **exceeding glad**: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.*

May God Bless You Real Good!

The Sick And Special Prayer List

Sick List:

Anna Grace
Bella Roberts
Betty Cook
Bobbie Roberson
Gail Bucbee
Greg Robinson
Helen Smith
India Miller

Jerry Holley
Kyle
Linda Steiner
Mary Owenby
Ms. McIntyre
Sandy
Vida Greene

Special Prayer List:

Anita Gross
Antionette Wells
Billy & Loretta Payton
Bob Kenlaw
Bonnie Warren
Cheryl McCleese
Christy Adams
David William
Derek Klein & Family
Former President Joe Biden
Erin, Heather & Leigh Gray
Keith & Shelba Covington
Kimberly Cooper & Family
Law Enforcement Personnel

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

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)

to die unless God reverses their sinful nature to a holy nature (Romans 8:6-7, and 9-10). When you are filled with the Holy Spirit you are born again, receiving a holy or spiritual nature from God. This is a divine nature. When Christ is in you, your carnal nature will be dead, because the Spirit of Christ kills the sinful nature.

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 #158

Book	Chapter	Verse	Word	Answer
Ephesians	5	5	22	_____
I Samuel	15	15	25	_____
Jude	1	1	4	_____
Exodus	20	2	3	_____
Acts	2	23	17	_____
Numbers	4	15	25	_____
St. Mark	15	43	4	_____
Deuteronomy	7	26	6	_____
Revelation	1	13	21	_____
Psalms	107	16	5	_____
II Thessalonians	3	16	3	_____
Proverbs	4	18	1	_____
Colossians	2	5	7	_____
Job	15	4	8	_____
St. Luke	12	39	8	_____
Leviticus	20	7	11	_____
Ecclesiastes	7	29	12	_____
II John	1	6	3	_____
Isaiah	8	3	21	_____
Romans	7	22	3	_____

Puzzle Answer:

Found In (Book, Chapter, Verse):

Our Thanks to Frank and Betty King
of Columbia, Maryland for working last issue's
Bible Vocabulary Puzzle and returning the answer,
which is found in II Peter 2:1.

May God Bless You!

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).

Bible Memory Verse(s)

"Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth."

(St. John 9:31)

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 Holy Spirit Versus Nature", As Found In Romans, Chapter 8, verses 1-14:

BODY
CARNALLY
CHRIST JESUS
CONDEMNATION
DEATH
DEEDS
DWELLETH
ENMITY
FLESH
GOD
LAW
LIFE
LIKENESS
MINDED
MORTAL
MORTIFY
PEACE
QUICKEN
RAISED
RIGHTEOUSNESS
SIN
SPIRITUALLY
THEREFORE

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

Bible Trivia Activity:

Unscramble the words to fill in the blanks for the verse of scripture below, which gives a message about prayer:

rapyset

lceost

ahtrE

tsecre

redwa

yoplen

"But thou, when thou _____, enter into thy _____, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy

_____ which is in _____; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall _____ thee _____."

Found in: Book _____ Chapter _____ Verse _____ (See answer in next issue)



Congratulations Sis Kilgore!

On May 15, 2026, our precious leader and co-founder, Sister Annette Kilgore, along with 5 other community workers, received the “Governor’s Award for Volunteer Service.”

Sister Kilgore has rendered volunteer services in the Brevard community for over 30 years. Her award states: “Annette Kilgore is hereby awarded the highest designation of appreciation for distinguished volunteer service to the People and State of North Carolina, and is to be granted and extended all honors and courtesies provided by this Office”.

Even at 90 years young, Sister Kilgore continues to diligently render her services in the community as God gives her the strength and ability to minister. May God continue to bless you “real good” Dear Sister Kilgore!

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.

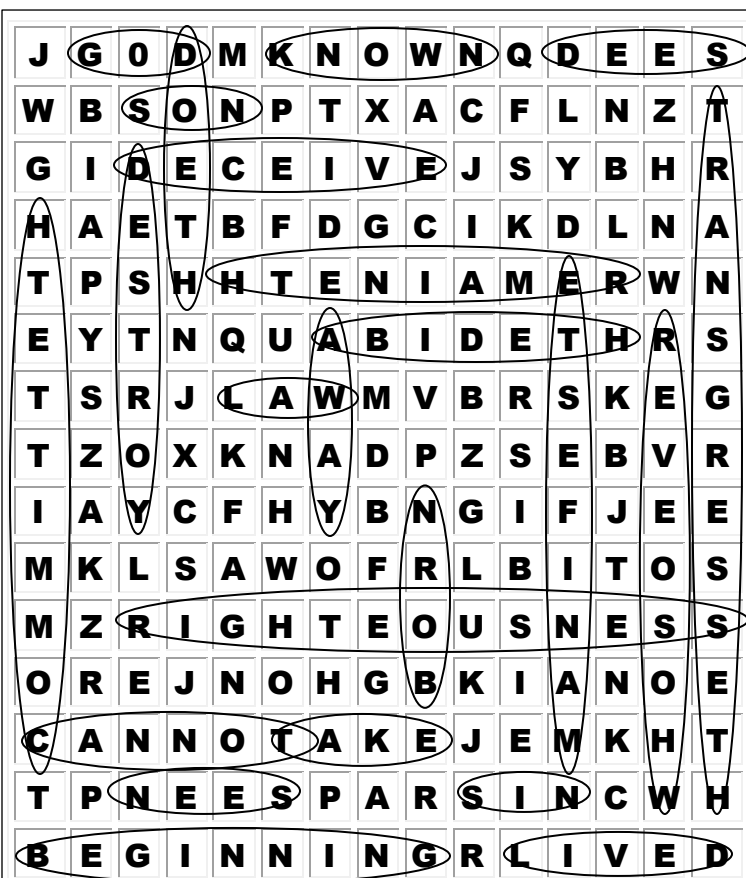
At the end of each month all winners of the weekly sword drill rounds compete in a Champion of Champions round. The winner of that round becomes the monthly. “Champion of Champions” and receives a prize. “Thumbs To The Backs Of Your Bibles, Draw Swords, ONE, TWO!”



Eva Gray

Honorary Sword Drill Champion of Champs for July 2026

Answers To Last Issues Bible Word Search



ABIDETH
AWAY
BEGINNING
BORN
CANNOT
COMMITTETH
DECEIVE
DESTROY
DEVIL

DOETH
GOD
KNOWN
LAW
MANIFESTED
REMAINETH
RIGHTEOUSNESS
SEED
SEEN

SIN
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TAKE
TRANSGRESSETH
WHOSOEVER

Answer To Last Issue's Bible Trivia Activity:

GOD SENT

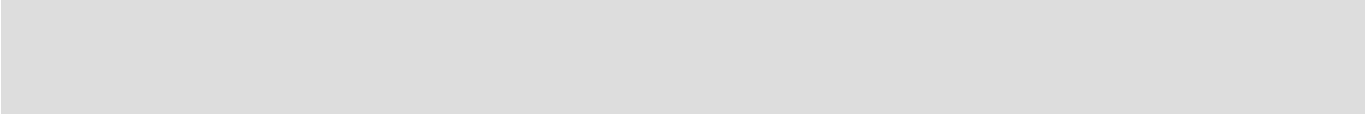
Answer to Bible Vocabulary Puzzle: →

“But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.” 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
*Psalm	64	5	16, 13	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

*Correction: See Scripture above



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