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Are You Ready???

Elder Kilgore Teaches Us How To Get Ready:



God calls a person to be saved from sin.

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

Jesus desires that you hear and do the things that he instructs. ******

Holy people are people who live sin-free.

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

A holy man or woman is a saint. *****

The true baptism is baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The only hope for man is in the Lord.

Only the Spirit of God can give you true happiness.

Sunday School Review: "In Christ We Can Live Again" Scriptures: I Corinthians 15:21-22



Though our physical bodies may die, we can live again through Christ. If we live after the example of Christ's life, though our physical bodies die, God will save our souls (life), and give us another body that will live forever. I am not preaching theory, but I am giving principles that are supported by the word of God. Listen to I Corinthians 15:21-22:

> Verse 21 – For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

Verse 22 – For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Being born in Adam we are born in sin, and it is the nature of a sinner to live contrary to the will of God. Nevertheless, God has arranged that even though we were born in sin, we can be born again in Christ.

God has nothing to do with death. Death is God's enemy, and is the last enemy of God and man that will be abolished. When the end of this present world comes, God has planned that there will be a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.

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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

<u>2024</u>

Ten-Day Fast & Prayer Feb 2nd – Feb 11th
Revival: 8:00 PM Nightly
(Sun Eve - 7:00 PM)

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

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The Good News Preacher's Message To All

You Must Cast Out Your Old Religious Teaching To Receive The New Gospel Of Jesus Christ:

If you want to be saved, you should come to God with an open mind. You should cast all previous religious teachings out of your mind, and come to God with an open mind to receive an understanding from the word of God to receive help by the Holy Spirit. If your mind has been influenced by some previous religious teaching that did not save you, the Holy Spirit will not come into your mind.

The Holy Spirit will not fellowship with and adulterate the knowledge of the word of God with a religious teaching that you want to retain. God will not attach a new garment to an old garment, nor will He put new wine in an old bottle. Listen to St. Luke 5:36 and 37:

Verse 36 - And he spake also a parable unto them; *No man putteth a piece* of a new garment upon an old; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was taken out of the new agreeth not with the old.

Your old religious teaching will not agree with the new teaching that the Holy Spirit will offer.

Verse 37 - And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish.

How Do I Get The New Birth? (St. Matthew 3:8):

You don't receive the new birth by going to church to pray, preach, testify or singing. You get the new birth by bringing forth fruit that is acceptable to God for repentance. This means you must repent of every sin that you know that you are committing.

When John came as a forerunner of Jesus Christ, he cried "repent" and when many came to John's baptismal service at the River of Jordan to be baptized, John also responded to the people consisting of Pharisees and Sadducees as follows in St. Matthew 3:7-8:

Verse 7 - But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation

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Sister Annette Kilgore *Co-Founder*

Sis Kilgore's Purity Club Message:

Have Faith In God:

It is impossible to please God without faith. If you ask anything in his name, you should believe that he will grant it, if it be God's will. When you ask in faith, God will consider your petition. However, you must, "fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses" (I Timothy 6:12).

Remember what II Corinthians 5:7 teaches: "For we walk by faith, not by sight". Jesus also teaches us in St. Mark 11:22-24:

- Verse 22 And Jesus answering saith unto them. Have faith in God.
- Verse 23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.
- Vere 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Sometimes things do not turn out the way we want them to and the devil wants us to doubt God. However, things sometimes turn out different, not because we have been disobedient, but it is simply to increase our faith in God. However, if we obey the word of God, then God will surely keep his promise. Sometimes we have to go to God and ask him to increase our faith. St. Luke 17:5 reads as follows:

Verse 5 - And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

Remember, never doubt the power of God when you have been obedient. Ask in faith, and if it is the will of God, he will grant your request. Remember also, all things are possible if we just obey and believe.

May God Bless Your New Year!

The Sick And Special Prayer List

Sick List:

Bella Roberts Bertran Brown Bobbie Roberson Helen Smith India Miller Jackie Parham Linda Steiner Mary Owenby Ms. McIntyre Nelsa-Lee Brown Rita Covington Vida Greene

Special Prayer List:

Anita Gross
Billy & Loretta Payton
Bonnie Warren
Brenonda Jackson
Cecil & Leona Moore
Christy Adams
Cindy Miller
Heather & Leigh Gray
Helen Arnette
Jimmy Coates
Richard Gross
Richard & Jeannie Richardson
Jennifer Lawson's Family

Jessica Williams & Family
Law Enforcement Personnel
Mr. Poor
Mrs. Parks
People of Ukraine & Sudan
President Joe Biden & Admin
Ray Good & Family
Greg & Shirley Robinson
The Dorsey Family
The Douglas Sisters
Tonya Williams & Family
US & Allied Troops
Vance Brehon
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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<u>To Our Readers:</u> 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 #146

Book	Chapter	Verse	Word	Answer		
St. John	9	33	1			
Numbers	21	30	1			
Psalm	32	5	18			
Galatians	3	24	5			
Proverbs	10	12	9			
St. Matthew	1	20	3			
Judges	5	9	3			
Hebrews	2	17	22			
Nehemiah	5	8 1				
Acts	24	15	23			
Genesis	20	3	4			
St. Luke	6	37	17			
Exodus	1	10	4			
St. John	4	12	5			
Ezekiel	33	16	4			
Acts	9	1	1			
Leviticus	9	1	4			
St. Matthew	10	8	4			
Joshua	1	16	18			
St. Mark	1	9	12			
Numbers	9	12	18			
Romans	1	18	14			

Bible Vocabulary Puzzle Answer:

Found In (Book, Chapter, and Verse):	

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

"Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart".

(II Timothy 2:22)

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 "Living Again In Christ", As Found In I Corinthians, Chapter 15, Verses 3-26:

ABUNDANTLY
ACCORDING
APOSTLES
BESTOWED
BURIED
CHRIST
DAY
DELIVERED
DIED
ENEMY
FAITH
FIRSTFRUITS
GOD
GRACE
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"In those days came	the		_, preaching in tl	ne wilderness of Judaea,
And saying,	ye: for the _		of	is at hand.
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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!"



Jeremy Douglas
Honorary Sword Drill Champion of Champs for January 2024

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

of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Verse 8 - Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance.

John taught there cometh one after him who is mightier than he was who would baptize them with the Holy Ghost and fire. This is why John admonished them that their repentance had to be worthwhile, and that they should repent of every knowledgeable sin.

Answers To Last Issues Bible Word Search

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Answer To Last Issue's Bible Trivia Activity:

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Our thanks to **Frank** and **Betty King** from Columbia, MD and **Jerry Holley** from Riverdale, GA for completing and submitting their answers to last issue's puzzles.

May God Bless You!

Answers To Last Issue's Bible Vocabulary Puzzle

<u>Book</u>	<u>Chap</u>	<u>Verse</u>	<u>Word</u>	<u>Answer</u>
Romans	1	7	17	And
Philemon	1	20	3	Let
Acts	1	5	13	The
Nehemiah	8	11	11	Peace
Habakkuk	1	13	3	Of
Jonah	3	5	7	God
St. Matthew	*2	*6	*28	*Rule
St. John	1	4	1	In
Psalm	115	14	11	Your
Exodus	31	6	22	Hearts
I Kings	8	39	15	То
Hebrews	10	16	3	The
James	2	7	10	Which
St. Luke	11	45	17	Also
Genesis	22	5	9	Ye
St. Mark	4	15	3	Are
Zechariah	11	7	26	Called
Lamentations	1	7	3	In
Revelation	5	5	2	One
Numbers	6	6	17	Body
Haggai	2	13	21	And
Philippians	4	23	8	Be
Ephesians	2	8	5	Ye
Psalm	100	4	14	Thankful

*Corrections from last issue's Bible Vocabulary Puzzle

Answer To Last Issue's Bible Vocabulary Puzzle

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

(Colossians 3:15)

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