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Are You Ready???

Elder Kilgore Teaches Us How To
Get Ready:



The Crucifixion was the will of
God, but the works of the devil.

You are not saved because you go to
church.

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

Holy people are people who live
sin-free.

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

Sin is like a virus that looks for a
person to be a carrier of it.

Christ is the immunity shot for sin.

The true baptism is baptism of the
Holy Spirit.

Only the Spirit of God can give you
true happiness.

True salvation is an act of God.

Sunday School Review: "Divine Love"

Scriptures: St. John 3:16; St. Luke 6:27-35



When the love of God is working in our lives, God's love should be extended in the same spirit which Jesus demonstrated on Calvary. When Jesus was suffering with unbearable pain, his attitude did not reflect hatred or vengeance, his words were, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." If you are truly saved, you will have a chance to demonstrate the love of God in your life when conditions are against love.

When God's love is truly in a person's life, no adverse earthly power or situation will be able to defeat its demonstration. Human love seeks for good conditions to be shown under. God so loved his enemies that he gave his only begotten son that the world through Him might be saved (St. John 3:16).

Make no mistake, no human beings will be able to demonstrate this kind of love by themselves; they will need Christ to help them. In St. Luke 6:27 it teaches, "But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you". That means to love those who you know have slandered your name, and have purposely done things to hurt you and to defeat your good purpose as a child of God.

Many Christians today think that it is ample love to do for those who are their best friends and favorite relatives; this is fine but it is not enough to justify the love of God in 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

Easter Sunrise Service	March 31st – 6:00 am
Ten-Day Fast & Prayer Revival:	May 2nd – May 11th 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.thecogopa.org

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The Good News Preacher's Message To All



Elder Alonzo F. Kilgore
Founder

Who Crucified Christ?

It was not the street sinner who crucified Christ. If we had to identify the people who were responsible for Christ being crucified during his time, by comparing their spirits and character to the people of our present time, we could accurately describe the people who crucified Christ as being church Christians of this day. The high priest of that day took the lead to have Christ crucified.

It is the Christian leaders of today who are crucifying Christ afresh. The Christian leaders of today are responsible for the majority of the people's hearts of today being as far from God in sin as they are. God is not introduced to people by sin supporting Christian leaders. Such religious leaders are blind and this results to the blind leading the blind, and they are all falling in ditches. How can a preacher bring people to Christ and be a representative of one who had Christ crucified? When a preacher does not believe that his people can live above sin, he is a supporter of the very thing that Christ died to save us from. The sins that Christ wants to destroy in our lives are what most Christian leaders are helping to keep alive in the minds of the people.

So then, who crucified Christ? Who continues to crucify him? Men today who are seeking religious careers are going to colleges and seminaries learning how to crucify Christ. They are learning how to preach the gospel just as students go to learn to be physicians, lawyers, and teachers. You cannot get the ability to preach the gospel of Christ by going to school. You must be born again and filled with the Holy Ghost to preach the gospel of Christ or otherwise, you will be a properly educated false prophet prepared by Satan to continue teaching people how to stay in their sins.

Today the pulpits are filled up with high- powered preachers, but they do not have the power from on high to get people saved from sin. If people are not taught righteousness, they will never know righteousness. If preachers don't preach righteousness, then the people will never be born of God because you are born again of the word of God. You are not born again by singing, praying, shouting, and speaking in unknown tongues, you are born again, by hearing the true gospel and obeying it. God gives the Holy Ghost to them that obey him. You cannot obey God unless there is a God sent preacher to introduce God to you.

God cannot be reached through your emotions, crying, and feelings of infirmities that carry no substance of repentance towards a sin free life. God simply ignores such church folk. God is not sympathetic to a sinful life no matter how much you *(Continued on page 4)*

Sis Kilgore's Purity Club Message



Sister Annette Kilgore
Co-Founder

Trust In The Lord With All Thine Heart:

When you come to the Lord, you must give your whole heart to Him. You have to learn to trust Him. Christ will not accept part of you. He wants all of you, as long as you strive to live a holy life. Through your trials, you will learn how to trust in the Lord.

When Christ is leading you. Never worry about your suffering. He will always take care of you, and "Victory" will be at the end of your suffering period. Since I gave my heart to the Lord, I have suffered many trials, persecutions, and made many sacrifices in order that God's will might be done in my life, and my will be done away with. Many times I could only pray to God for help. However, while I was praying, God

was already answering the prayer.

When I look back on my trying experiences, the only thing I can say is, "Praise God" for Victory! God has turned my trials into blessings. Yes, God taught me how to trust in Him, and today, thank God, I am a Blessed and Happy woman.

Dear ones, never worry when you have to make a sacrifice for the Lord. Live right according to the word of God, and trust Him, and victory will be yours in the end. If you live right, pray and hold out, deliverance will surely come. I am a witness!

May God Bless You Real Good!



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

cry and shout in your church, nor how bad your life's conditions are. God is just, and there is no shadow of variableness in him to change from his principles if you retain sin in your life. No matter how much you go to church, you will die in your sins, unless you repent, and you will not repent of your sins if your preacher is not condemning your sins.

God is only moved by your obedience to his teachings. When you obey, you get his favor; if you disobey, you will perish. Yet the quality of mercy is found in Christ who acts as a mediator between God and man to intercede and help us to learn the will of God, that we may obtain mercy in the time of need. However, we must come to the throne of grace to do so, and there is no throne of grace found in a sin practicing church.

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The Sick And Special Prayer List

Sick List:

Bella Roberts
 Bertran Brown
 Bobbie Roberson
 Helen Smith
 India Miller
 Jackie Parham

Linda Steiner
 Mary Owenby
 Mrs. Parks
 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
 Greg & Shirley Robinson
 Heather & Leigh Gray
 Helen Arnette
 Jimmy Coates
 Richard Gross
 Richard & Jeannie Richardson
 Jennifer Lawson's Family

Jessica Williams & Family
 Law Enforcement Personnel
 Mr. Poor
 People of Gaza
 People of Ukraine & Sudan
 President Joe Biden & Admin
 Ray Good & Family
 The Dorsey Family
 The Douglas Sisters
 Tonya Williams & Family
 US & Allied Troops
 Vicky Kingdom

Sunday School Review (Continued from page 1):

The teachings of Christ are not within the limitations of human abilities to master, because of this, many Christians do not believe all the instructions that are given in the word of God. The very thing that we ignore or reject in the Bible is what Satan will use to make our lives miserable and eventually destroy us.

If we accept and put forth an effort to struggle to obey the things that are in the Bible, as they apply to our lives, then Jesus will help us. Jesus' help will keep the devil from making us unhappy and destroying us. Through Jesus, we have a chance against the problems of this life that are destroying the world. Jesus teaches us in St. John 16:33: *"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulations: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."*

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 #147

Book	Chapter	Verse	Word	Answer
St. John	4	42	13	_____
St. Luke	24	18	2	_____
Proverbs	6	3	5	_____
Judges	16	5	4	_____
Ezekiel	21	2	3	_____
Acts	4	12	21	_____
St. Matthew	3	15	10	_____
Acts	3	13	23	_____
St. John	18	28	21	_____
Jeremiah	16	15	2	_____
Psalms	24	4	5	_____
Daniel	1	18	5	_____
Romans	8	3	25	_____
Jonah	1	10	4	_____
Acts	18	2	1	_____
St. Matthew	26	2	21	_____
St. John	19	18	3	_____
I Samuel	16	11	1	_____
Philippians	3	14	4	_____
St. Mark	15	25	5	_____
Zephaniah	1	14	3	_____
I Corinthians	15	16	5	_____
Ezekiel	18	27	1	_____

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 Vocabulary Puzzle Answer:

Found In (Book, Chapter, and Verse):

Memory Verse

“But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed”.
(Isaiah 53:5)

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 “An Acceptable Sacrifice For Sins”, As found In Hebrews Chapter 10, Verse 1-4 and 9-12:

- ALL
- BODY
- CONSCIENCE
- CONTINUALLY
- ESTABLISH
- FIRST
- GOD
- HAND
- JESUS CHRIST
- LAW
- OFFERING
- ONCE
- PERFECT
- PURGED
- REMEMBRANCE
- RIGHT
- SACRIFICES
- SANCTIFIED
- SECOND
- SHADOW
- SINS
- THROUGH
- WORSHIPPERS

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P	U	R	G	E	D	F	H	E	C	Y	L	P	R	S

Bible Trivia Activity

Unscramble the Underlined letters in these 2 verses of scripture to reveal an Easter message:

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. (St. Matthew 5:3-4)

(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!"



***Eva Gray
Honorary Sword Drill Champion of Champs for March 2024***

The Good News Preacher's Message To All: (Continued from page 4)

Christ was made flesh for the purpose of dwelling among men to suffer in the flesh that he might be truly qualified from this standpoint to intercede for us. As we suffer so did He suffer every temptation growing out of the desires of the flesh, yet He did no sin. If Christ is in our lives, we will stop doing sins. As Christ was victorious over the sinful nature of the flesh and became our mediator, God assured him that whatever we asked in his name, God would grant for Jesus' sake. Jesus knowing all about our weaknesses, temptations, difficulties, and afflictions, being a loving, understanding, and a sympathetic Savior, eagerly intercedes when the Father loves the Son, and will honor His request on our behalf, so that we invoke the mercy of God upon us when we ask for help in Jesus' name. Had there not been Jesus the Son of God, there would be no help for us from God.

Answers To Last Issues Bible Word Search

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

ABUNDANTLY	DIED	PREACHED
ACCORDING	ENEMY	REIGN
APOSTLES	FAITH	RESURRECTION
BESTOWED	FIRSTFRUITS	SCRIPTURES
BURIED	GOD	SINS
CHRIST	GRACE	THIRD
DAY	KINGDOM	VAIN
DELIVERED	LABOURED	

Answer To Last Issue's Bible Trivia Activity:

John, Baptist, repent, kingdom, heaven
Found in: St. Matthew 3:1-2

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!

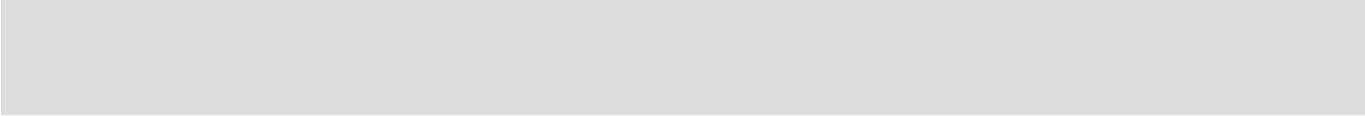
To Our Readers: If you have enjoyed reading the gospel messages, the articles, working the puzzles, or any other features in the Gopa News, please let us hear from you. We value your comments and appreciate the time and attention that you give our publication.

Answers To Last Issue's Bible Vocabulary Puzzle

<u>Book</u>	<u>Chap</u>	<u>Verse</u>	<u>Word</u>	<u>Answer</u>
St. John	9	33	1	If
Numbers	21	30	1	We
Psalm	32	5	18	Confess
Galatians	3	24	5	Our
Proverbs	10	12	9	Sins
St. Matthew	1	20	3	He
Judges	5	9	3	Is
Hebrews	2	17	22	Faithful
Nehemiah	5	8	1	And
Acts	24	15	23	Just
Genesis	20	3	4	To
St. Luke	6	37	17	Forgive
Exodus	1	10	4	Us
St. John	4	12	5	Our
Ezekiel	33	16	4	Sins
Acts	9	1	1	And
Leviticus	9	1	4	To
St. Matthew	10	8	4	Cleanse
Joshua	1	16	18	Us
St. Mark	1	9	12	From
Numbers	9	12	18	All
Romans	1	18	14	unrighteousness

Answer To Last Issue's Bible Vocabulary Puzzle

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness".
(I John 1:9)



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