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Are You Ready???

Elder Kilgore Teaches Us How To Get Ready:



Committing sin is eternal suicide.

You cannot worship God and be a sinner.

A holy life is a sin-free life.

When you give God your life, He gives you His life.

The only hope for man is the Lord.

Obey God and stand on His promises.

Faith in God gives you victory over Satan.

God will be with you if you walk in His ways.

You can be very religious without being truly saved.

The world is rich in money; God is rich in mercy.

Sunday School Review: "God Is Calling Us To Salvation To Save Us From Hell"

Scriptures: I Thessalonians 4:7, 5:9; Acts 2:38-39



Make no mistake, there is nowhere on this side of hell that you will be able to retreat to if you are not saved from sin. There is no place called purgatory, or place of neutrality where you can back track to if you die as a sinner. Don't let any preacher fool you; there is no middle ground of restoration for the unsaved after they die. If a preacher teaches you this, tell him to die and let the doctors pronounce him dead and watch to see if he will come back from the dead and tell you about purgatory. Jesus came back from the dead and told us what to expect, and the Holy Spirit in us bears witness to Jesus' testimony.

Now, you have to be either a saint or a sinner. Sinners who fail to repent and receive the new birth in Christ will go to a place called hell, with no chance of returning after they get there. No gospel will be preached in hell, and no repentance will be honored. God does not send anybody to hell; those who go will go with the love of God. They will go by their own choice. God offers everybody a chance to repent while he or she lives in this world.

God is love and He gave His son that we might be redeemed. God sent the Holy Spirit to give us the new birth after we repent of our sins. All who accept Jesus Christ, God will lift them from condemnation to justification. (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: 2024

2024

Ten-Day Fast & Prayer Revival: Oct 25th – Nov 3rd
8:00 PM Nightly
(Sun Eve - 7:00 pm)

2025

Ten-Day Fast & Prayer Revival: Feb 7th – Feb 16th
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

You Must Have Clean Hands And A Pure Heart To Pray

If you have any hate in your heart for anybody, God will not hear your prayer. To hate somebody for any reason creates a barrier between you and God. In Isaiah 59:1-2 it teaches,
Verse 1 – Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

Verse 2 – But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

The devil works very hard to get Christians to hate different people in their lives for many reasons. Some hate because of the color of another person's skin, or national origin. Others hate because of job positions and advantages that others might have over them. God accepts no excuse for hatred in your heart towards anyone. You cannot serve, communicate, pray or do anything for God and think that it will be accepted if you hate somebody. God does not recognize you as a servant if you hate somebody. You must love everybody and ask God for help to remove all evil ways from your life. God will hear you if you are trying to repent of your evil ways. He will help you if you are sincere; II Corinthians 6:2 teaches us: "For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Hatred, jealousy, strife, contentions, emulations, variance, maliciousness, evil thoughts, adulteries, fornication, homosexual practices, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness, uncleanness, idolatry, wrath, seditions, heresies, murders, drunkenness, reveling, debates, malignity, backbiters, boasting, and being an inventor of evil things, all take away your privilege to pray to God, unless you turn from your evil ways to seek God with a pure heart.

Remember, you are putting forth an effort to repent of your evil practices. God will hear your prayers as long as you continue to try to turn from your evil ways, and God will help you to repent of such sins. If you continue to practice your evil ways without putting forth a sincere effort to stop, God will not continue to hear your prayers; I Peter 3:12 reads as follows, "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil".

Repentance is very necessary for your salvation. You are not likely to get saved unless you have a repenting heart. To repent means to be sorry. **(Continued on page 8)**

Sis Kilgore's Purity Club Message

True Religion

I've found that obedience to the word of God yields peace and contentment. In Philippians 4:11 and 19 it teaches us:

Verse 11- Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

Verse 19 - But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.



Sister Annette Kilgore
Co-Founder

You learn to rejoice in the Lord when you are obedient to his word, therefore, you don't let the adversary fill your mind with unrighteous thoughts. Try hard to think on things that will help you grow stronger in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. When you practice true religion, you have to do as Philippians 3:14 teaches us:

Verse 14 - I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. (The prize being eternal life)

Remember these words in Philippians chapter 4, verses 6-8:

Verse 6 - Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Verse 7 - And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Verse 8 - Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

These thoughts will definitely yield peace and contentment.

May The Lord Bless You Real Good!



The Sick And Special Prayer List

Sick List:

Bella Roberts
 Bertran Brown
 Bobbie Roberson
 Don & Camille
 Helen Smith
 India Miller
 Kathy Parks
 Leona Galloway

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

Special Prayer List:

Anita Gross
 Billy & Loretta Payton
 Bob Kenlaw
 Bonnie Warren
 Brenonda Jackson
 Christy Adams
 Cindy Miller
 David William
 Derek Klein & Family
 Gabriella Lemaire & Family
 Greg & Shirley Robinson
 Heather & Leigh Gray
 Helen Arnette
 Jakob Varesi & Family
 Jessica Williams & Family

Law Enforcement Personnel
 Mr. Poor
 People of Gaza,
 People of Ukraine & Sudan
 President Joe Biden & Admin
 Ray Good & Family
 Richard & Jeannie Richardson
 Rita Covington
 Sandra Crane
 The Dorsey Family
 The Douglas Sisters
 Tonya Williams & Family
 US & Allied Troops
 Vicky Kingdom

Sunday School Review (continued from page 1):

For those who enter hell it will be because they rejected the love of God and decided that the pleasures of sin were better than what God offered in Christ. Today everybody has an invitation to go to heaven. God is calling us to righteousness to make us saints. God can make a saint of any sinner, regardless of their sinful conditions.

May God Bless You!

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 #150

Book	Chapter	Verse	Word	Answer
Philippians	1	8	1	_____
Malachi	3	10	27	_____
Ephesians	4	13	2	_____
Haggai	1	6	13	_____
Acts	4	16	16	_____
St. Mark	12	1	13	_____
Genesis	25	22	5	_____
Titus	3	15	13	_____
I Peter	1	25	2	_____
Psalms	17	15	20	_____
Song of Solomon	8	14	20	_____
Luke	5	30	8	_____
Leviticus	20	27	21	_____
Numbers	17	13	15	_____
Galatians	6	5	4	_____
II Timothy	4	22	5	_____
I Thessalonians	2	13	4	_____
James	1	8	7	_____
Galatians	3	21	6	_____
Ezekiel	10	22	3	_____
St. John	4	46	7	_____
Hebrews	10	20	20	_____
Matthew	27	53	9	_____

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 Verses:

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

II Peter 3:9

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 “Repentance”, As Found In St. Matthew, Chapter 3:

BAPTIZED
CONFESSING
FIRE
FRUITS
HEAVEN
HOLY GHOST
INDEED
JESUS
JOHN THE BAPTIST
KINGDOM
LORD
MIGHTIER
PREACHING
PURGE
REPENT
SINS
THROUGHLY
UNQUENCHABLE
WARNED
WATER
WILDERNESS
WORTHY
WRATH

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Bible Trivia Activity

Unscramble these words spoken by Jesus, and fill in the blanks to complete the verse of scripture:

for, is, hand, Repent, kingdom, the, heaven, at, of, ye

“From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, _____

_____.”

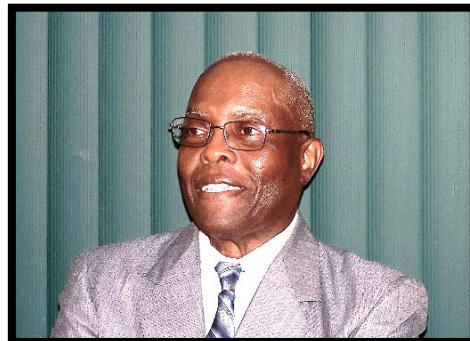
In what book and chapter of the Bible is this verse found? _____

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
Honorary Sword Drill Champion of Champs for September 2024

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

When you repent, or turn from your sins, you are apologizing to God for having a previous life of sin. God accepts this apology as a godly repentance. Along with your apology, you must regret that you have ever committed sin. In addition, you will be so convicted with self-reproach over your previous life of sin that every desire to repeat any acts of sin that you have knowledge of will be completely removed from your life.

John the Baptist introduced the first process of repentance in his gospel messages. John's gospel presented repentance as being the foundation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. When repentance has not been included with a person's approach to the throne of grace, then the efforts that they are making to come to Christ will not be accepted. When repentance is not initiated by a sinner, grace will not be available. The Holy Spirit will not be present to assist a person's religious motives when they fail to repent.

May God Bless You

Answers To Last Issues Bible Word Search

C	S	O	N	A	D	R	O	L	B	Z	D	Y	F	S
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Answer To Last Issue's Bible Trivia Activity:

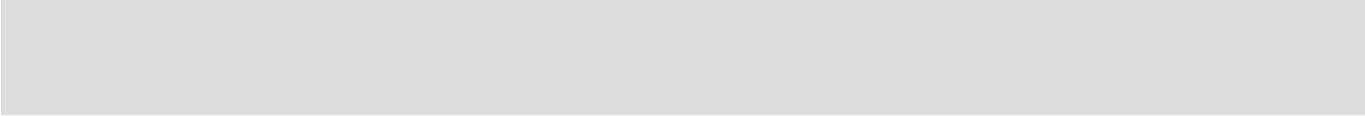
“And if any man shall take away from the **words** of the **book** of this **prophecy**, **God** shall take away his part out of the **book** of **life**, and out of the **holy** city, and from the things which are **written** in this **book**”.
(Revelation 22:19)

Puzzle Answer: “And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus”. (II Timothy 3:15)

Answers To Last Issue's Bible Vocabulary Puzzle

<i>Book</i>	<i>Chap</i>	<i>Verse</i>	<i>Word</i>	<i>Answer</i>
St. Mark	1	5	1	And
Psalms	44	7	15	That
Galatians	6	17	1	From
I John	2	22	3	A
Amos	1	13	32	Child
Micah	1	14	3	Thou
Genesis	3	11	11	Hast
Luke	2	17	9	Known
St. Matthew	5	40	9	The
Jonah	2	7	20	Holy
I Corinthians	15	4	17	Scriptures
Hosea	2	8	21	Which
Nahum	1	10	12	Are
Daniel	3	17	11	Able
Titus	1	4	1	To
St. John	8	32	11	Make
James	2	18	24	Thee
I Kings	11	22	33	Wise
Colossians	1	8	4	Unto
Ephesians	6	17	6	Salvation
Zechariah	10	11	5	Through
Deuteronomy	32	20	31	Faith
Romans	16	17	8	Which
II Peter	2	22	3	Is
Habakkuk	3	18	5	In
Jude	1	17	18	Christ
Philemon	1	25	6	Jesus

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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