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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: "Only The Holy Spirit Can Replace The Sinful Nature"

Scriptures: Romans 8:6-7, 9-10



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 fruits 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 (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

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

The Necessity Of Repentance:

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. 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.

Baptism Of The Holy Spirit And Water Should Follow Your Repentance:

Nobody can enter the plan of salvation that God offers unless they repent. Repentance means to forsake your sins. Repentance does not mean going to church to confess your sins, and crying to the pastor. It means to stop doing everything that you know is wrong. Repentance means that you should be so sorry for the sins that you have committed that you will turn from them, and put forth an effort to live a righteous life. You should be so sorry for your life of sin, that you will be ashamed of the things that you did in sin, and you will strongly resolve that if God forgives you, and shows mercy by cleansing you from further desires to commit sin that you will never again commit such acts of sin.

God will then consider your repentance as godly sorrow which means you are sorry that you lived contrary to God's holiness. God being moved by such a repentance will forgive you and blot out your previous record of all the sins that you previously committed. God will then remember your sins no more, and will see you as being a person who has never committed sins before. God will give you the Holy Spirit which will change your nature by taking away your desire to sin. You are then ready to be baptized in water as an open testimony of what God has done for you by giving you a baptism of the Holy Spirit.



Sister Annette Kilgore
Co-Founder

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.

You learn to rejoice in the Lord when you are obedient to his word, therefore, you don't let the adversary (the devil) 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 the words in Philippians 4:6-8:

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:

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:

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 & Congo
People of Venezuela, Colombia
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):

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).

Bible Vocabulary Puzzle #159

Book	Chapter	Verse	Word	Answer
Leviticus	9	5	14	_____
St. Matthew	1	20	20	_____
Judges	9	5	14	_____
Revelation	14	15	29	_____
Exodus	29	13	16	_____
Romans	8	4	9	_____
I Kings	11	11	14	_____
St. Luke	22	67	3	_____
I Chronicles	29	11	35	_____
Genesis	24	43	7	_____
I Thessalonians	5	9	2	_____
Jeremiah	22	14	20	_____
I Peter	1	13	26	_____
Numbers	11	23	10	_____
Ezekiel	14	6	13	_____
Philippians	4	9	4	_____
Joshua	15	4	7	_____
St. Mark	16	17	8	_____
Psalms	10	14	17	_____
Acts	20	24	39	_____

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 I 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

*"Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of
man cometh at an hour when ye think not."*

(St. Luke 12:40)

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

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

"From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, _____
_____."

In what book and chapter of the Bible is this found? _____
(See answers in next issue)



Welcome Sister Tonya Williams:

We thank God for our latest member, Sister Tonya Williams, who joined our church body in July this year. Here are her words of testimony:

“I Thank God for all of his blessings to me. I thank God for his mercy and giving me grace to repent of my sins. I thank God for the Church of God, Gospel of Peace Association where I receive the unadulterated teachings of salvation under the leadership of Elder and Sister Kilgore.

I thank God that since I have believed and received the word of God, I have had a spiritual transformation.”

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.

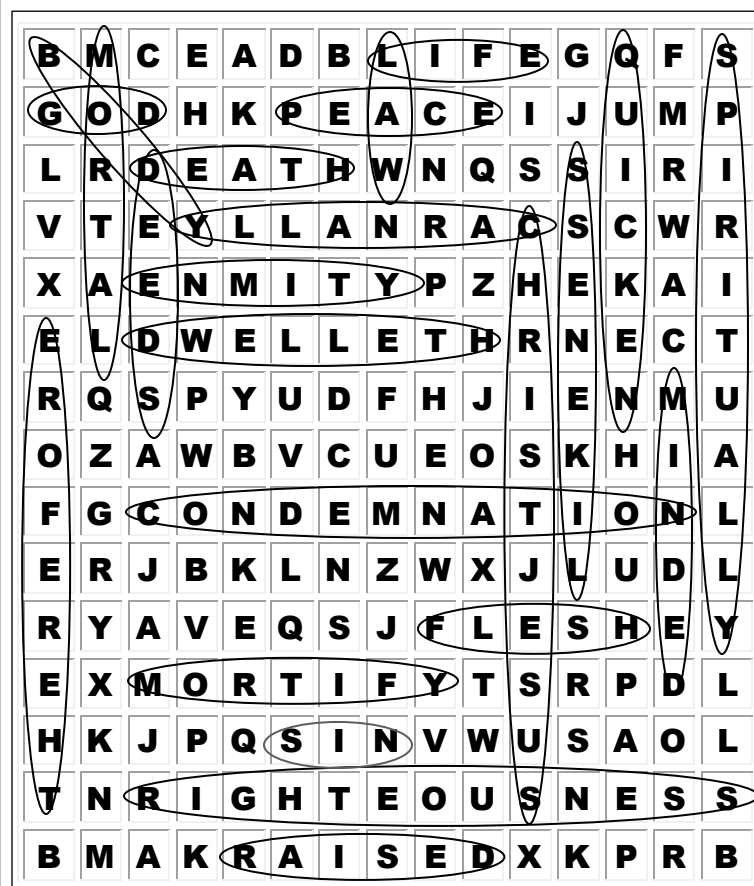
In a matter of seconds, ten or less, participants attempt to find the scripture called. The first to locate it says, “I have it” stepping out of line quickly with their trigger (index) finger pointing to the verse called. The scorekeeper checks the scriptures and if found correctly, the individual gets 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!”



Tonya Williams
Sword Drill Champion of Champs for September 2026

Answers To Last Issues Bible Word Search



BODY
CARNALLY
CHRIST JESUS
CONDEMNATION
DEATH
DEEDS
DWELLETH
ENMITY

FLESH
GOD
LAW
LIFE
LIKENESS
MINDED
MORTAL
MORTIFY

PEACE
QUICKEN
RAISED
RIGHTEOUSNESS
SIN
SPIRITUALLY
THEREFORE

Answer To Last Issue's Bible Trivia Activity:

prayest closet Father secret reward openly

"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

(St. Matthew 6:6)

Answers To Last Issue's Bible Vocabulary Puzzle

<i>Book</i>	<i>Chap</i>	<i>Verse</i>	<i>Word</i>	<i>Answer</i>
Ephesians	5	5	22	The
I Samuel	15	15	25	Sacrifice
Jude	1	1	4	Of
Exodus	20	2	3	The
Acts	2	23	17	Wicked
Numbers	4	15	25	Is
St. Mark	15	43	4	An
Deuteronomy	7	26	6	Abomination
Revelation	1	13	21	To
Psalms	107	16	5	The
II Thessalonians	3	16	3	Lord
Proverbs	4	18	1	But
Colossians	2	5	7	The
Job	15	4	8	Prayer
St. Luke	12	39	8	Of
Leviticus	20	7	11	The
Ecclesiastes	7	29	12	Upright
II John	1	6	3	Is
Isaiah	8	3	21	His
Romans	7	22	3	Delight

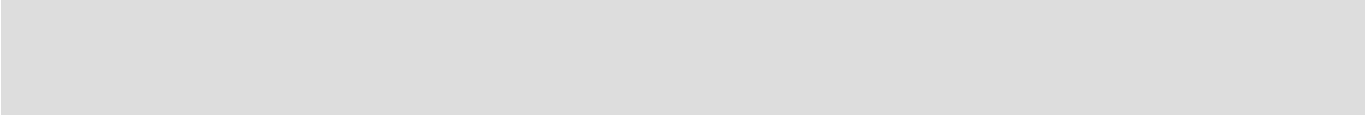
Answer To Last Issue's Bible Vocabulary Puzzle:

"The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord: but the prayer of the upright is his delight".

(Proverbs 15:8)

TO OUR READERS:

IF YOU HAVE ENJOYED WORKING THE PUZZLES, THE ARTICLES, GOSPEL MESSAGES, 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. MAY GOD BLESS YOU!



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