

How Can I Become A Christian?

1. Admit that God is not first in your life and ask Him to forgive your sins. (*1 John 1:9*)
2. Believe that Jesus died to pay for your sins and that He rose again on Easter and is alive today. (*Romans 10:9*)
3. Accept God's free gift of salvation. Don't try to earn it. (*Ephesians 2:8,9*)
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come into your life and be the director (Lord) of your life. (*John 1:12~13*)

What to pray:

Dear Lord Jesus,
I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins. Please come into my life and make me a new person. From now on I want You to be the director of my life. Amen.

How Can I Become A Member of Kenmore Community Church?

1. Receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior.
2. Be baptized by immersion if you have not been already.
3. Attend the class "Discovering Church Membership" which is offered periodically through- out the year.
4. Indicate your interest in joining the church on the Communication Card or by calling the church office at 425-486-7487.

BE WISE ABOUT CHURCH DISCIPLINE

1 Corinthians 5:1~13

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Main Thought: In 1 Corinthians 5:1~13, Paul gives us four instructions regarding the exercise of discipline within the church.

1. FACE _____ REALISTICALLY. (vv 1~2)
 - 1) The situation in Corinth
 - 2) A biblical view of sin (Rom. 3:23; 6:23; Isaiah 59:2; Romans 5:8)
 - 3) A biblical attitude toward sin (Psalm 51:1~12; 2 Cor. 7:8~10)
2. TAKE DISCIPLINARY _____. (vv 3~5)
 - 1) The situation in Corinth
 - 2) Steps to follow in the exercise of church discipline (Matt. 18:15~17)
 - 3) The goal of church discipline ~ restoration. (2 Cor. 2:5~11)
3. UNDERSTAND THE _____. (vv 6~8)
 - 1) Persistent sin that goes unchecked will infect the **whole** church.
 - 2) In Christ we are a new creation.
4. DON'T GET _____ AWAY. (vv 9~13)

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read 1 Corinthians 5:1~13

2. What insight from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening, or troubling? Explain.

3. In 1 Corinthians 5, the Apostle Paul demonstrates tough love. What persistent and unrepentant sin was occurring in the life of one of the members of the church? (v 1) What does the Bible say about this activity? (See Leviticus 18:8; Deut. 22:20; 27:20)

4. What was the attitude of the church toward this man's sin? (v 2) Where would such an attitude come from? What attitude does Paul say they should have had?

5. What should our attitude toward sin be, both in our own lives and in the lives of others? (See Psalm 51 and 2 Cor. 7:8~10)

6. What instructions does Paul give for dealing with this man? What does it mean to "hand him over to Satan"? (v 2~5)

7. What is the hoped for outcome of this church discipline? (v 5)

8. What process does Jesus instruct us to use in dealing with someone who is involved in persistent unrepentant sin? (See Matthew 18:15~17)

9. 2 Corinthians 2:5~11, may record the outcome of this particular case of church discipline. What does Paul exhort the church to do?

10. Why is tolerating and accepting continuous unrepentant sin in the life of a church member dangerous? How does "yeast" and "Christ, our Passover lamb" fit into Paul's argument? (vv 6~8)

11. Paul is careful to make sure we understand who church discipline should apply to in verses 9~13. Who does it apply to and to whom does it not apply? What should be our attitude toward each group?

12. Why do you think so few churches today practice this kind of discipline?

13. How would you feel if you were the recipient of such discipline by the leaders of our church?

14. What application do you see from verses 1~13 for your life?