

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.

LOVE: THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL

1 Corinthians 13:1~13

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Main Thought: In 1 Corinthians 13, we learn about the importance, character, and supremacy of love.

1. THE _____ OF LOVE. (vv 1~3)

1) Understanding agape love

2) Without agape love spiritual gifts are useless

3) Jesus commanded us to have agape love for one another (Jn 13:34)

4) Agape love is a choice (Colossians 3:14)

2. THE _____ OF LOVE. (vv 4~7)

1) Love is patient

2) Love is kind

3) Love does not envy

4) Love is not boastful or proud

5) Love is not rude

6) Love is not self-seeking

7) Love is not easily angered

8) Love keeps no record of wrongs

9) Love does not rejoice in evil but rejoices in truth

10) Love can endure anything

3. THE _____ OF LOVE. (vv 8~13)

1) Its absolute permanence

2) Its absolute completeness

3) Its absolute supremacy

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1~3

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

3. It's important to remember as we study 1 Corinthians 13, that the Apostle Paul was still dealing with the Corinthian's problems; the abuse of the gift of tongues, division in the church, envy of other's gifts, selfishness, impatience with one another in public meetings, and behavior that was disgracing the Lord. Since we are jumping ahead this week to talk about 1 Corinthians 13 on Valentine's Day, we need to keep that background in mind.

4. Paul is talking about a particular kind of love in Chapter 13. The Greek word for it is "agape." See if you can do some research and come up with a definition of "agape" love as opposed to other kinds of love. John 13:34 and 1 John 3:16~17 will get you started.

5. Why is the exercise of spiritual gifts without love basically useless? (vv 1~3)

6. Paul gives us a beautiful definition of "agape" love in verses 4~7. How would you define each of love's qualities?

Patient

Kind

Not envious

Not boastful or proud

Not rude

Not self-seeking

Not easily angered

Not keeping a record of wrongs

Not delighting in evil but rejoicing in truth

Enduring (always protects, trusts, hopes, perseveres)

7. Which qualities do you excel at? Which qualities do you need to work on?

8. In verses 8~13 Paul summarizes the supremacy of love. Compared with love, why do spiritual gifts have limited value? How is love greater than faith and hope?

9. Where does this love come from? How do we make it part of our lives? (1 John 4:7~21; Colossians 3:14)

10. Why is love the ultimate solution to the divisions in Corinth or in any church?