

IF GOD IS GOOD, WHY IS THERE SO MUCH EVIL AND SUFFERING IN THE WORLD?

Genesis 3 & 1 Peter 1:3-12

Main Thought: From the Bible passages we study this morning, we will learn why there is so much evil and suffering in the world and how to respond to it.

1. EVIL AND SUFFERING ARE _____ OF A _____ WORLD. (Genesis 3)
 - 1) God is not the _____ of evil and suffering.
 - 2) Humans _____ their free will brought about evil and suffering.
 - (1) _____ evil
 - (2) _____ evil
2. THOUGH SUFFERING AND EVIL ARE NOT _____, GOD CAN USE THEM TO _____ GOOD.
 - 1) God uses suffering to _____ people to Christ. (2 Corinthians 7:10)
 - 2) God uses suffering to strengthen our _____. (Romans 5:3)
 - 3) God uses suffering to lovingly _____ His children. (Hebrews 12:10-11)
 - 4) God can always accomplish something _____ out of the _____ in life. (Romans 8:28)
3. _____ TO EVIL AND SUFFERING (1 Peter 1:3-12)
 - 1) Don't _____ your faith (v 3)
 - 2) Look _____ to the cross (vv 11)
 - 3) Look _____ to your inheritance (v 4)
 - 4) Look _____ the Gospel (v12)

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.