

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.

CHRIST AMONG HIS CHURCHES (Part 2)

Revelation 2:8-17

Main Thought: We can be the kind of church Jesus wants us to be by listening to and applying His messages to the churches at Smyrna and Pergamum.

1. REMAIN FAITHFUL (vv 8-11)

- 1) Christ's characterization (v 8) – almighty and alive
- 2) Christ's comfort (vv 9-10) – I know what you are going through.
- 3) Christ's counsel (v 10)
 - (1) Be fearless
 - (2) Be faithful
- 4) Christ's covenant (v 11) – not hurt by the second death.

2. REFUSE TO COMPROMISE WITH THE WORLD (vv 12-17)

- 1) Christ's Characterization (v 12) – power, authority, and judgment.
- 2) Christ's Compliment (v 13) – remaining true to His name.
- 3) Christ's Complaint (vv 14-15) – tolerating sin in their midst.
- 4) Christ's Counsel (v 16) – Repent or face judgment.
- 5) Christ's Covenant (v 17) – hidden manna and a white stone.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

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

2. Read Revelation 2:8-11.

3. What does Jesus know about the believers in Smyrna?

4. In what ways were they poor? In what ways were they rich?

5. What kind of persecution were they facing?

6. How might Jesus' statements about himself, and his promises, solidify their faithfulness and ours?

7. What does this passage teach about suffering?

8. Read Revelation 2:12-17

9. What pressures are the Christians in Pergamum facing?

10. Why does Jesus describe Pergamum as the place "where Satan has his throne"?

11. Who was Antipas and what happened to him?

12. What does Jesus have against the believers in Pergamum?

13. What were the teachings of Balaam?
(See Numbers 25:1-2; 31:16)

14. What were the teachings of the Nicolaitans?

15. Why might the believers in Pergamum be tempted to compromise their values with these false teachings? What cultural influences distract you from your relationship to Christ?

16. What does the Bible teach us about temptation and how to resist it? (See James 1:13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:13)

17. What does the Bible teach about loving the world? (1 John 2:15-17)

18. What corrective action did the church in Pergamum need to take? What would happen if they didn't repent?

19. What is Jesus promise to those who overcome? What do the hidden manna and the white stone represent?

20. How does Jesus characterize himself to the church at Pergamum? How would this be an encouragement to them and us?