

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.

VISIONS OF SECURITY AND HEAVENLY BLISS

Revelation 7

Main Thought: Believers having to live through the great tribulation should not fear because of the visions in Revelation 7.

1. THE VISION OF SPIRITUAL _____, (vv 1-8).
 - 1) The angels' _____ (vv 1-3)
 - 2) The sealed _____ (vv 4-8)
 - (1) 144,000 _____ believers?
 - (2) Full number of _____ alive at the time?
 - 3) We are sealed by the _____ (Eph. 1:13-14)
2. THE VISION OF HEAVENLY _____, (vv 9-17).
 - 1) A great multitude wearing _____ robes and holding _____ standing before the throne. (v 9)
 - 2) Singing a song of _____ (v 10)
 - 3) _____ by the angels, elders, and creatures (v 11-12)
 - 4) The great multitude _____ as those who have come _____ the great tribulation (vv 13-14).
 - 5) The _____ of heaven (vv 15-17)
 - (1) _____ God continually
 - (2) _____ God's presence and protection
 - (3) physically and spiritually _____
 - (4) _____ from all discomfort
 - (5) the _____ will be our shepherd

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 7. Chapter 6 ended with the people on earth wondering "Who can stand?" as God's judgment nears. Chapter 7 may be an answer to that question.

3. In verses 1-8, an angel seals 144,000 people. What do you think "the seal of the living God" means (7:3; 9:4)? What are they sealed from?

4. Eph. 1:13-14 indicates that every Christian has been sealed by God. What comfort and assurance should that give us- especially during perilous times?

5. What do you think the difference is between the seal given the 144,000 in chapter 7 and the seal we receive from the Holy Spirit?

6. Some people interpret the 144,000 literally as Jewish believers living during the great tribulation. Others see it as a symbolic number of all Christians, both Jews and Gentiles, living during the tribulation. Who do you think John is referring to and why?

7. In verse 9 the scene shifts from earth to heaven. How did the multitude in verse 9 come to stand before the Lamb? (See 7:14)

8. Why do the multitude, angels, elders, and creatures cry out with praise, worship, and thanksgiving (vv 10-12)?

9. How do the blessings these martyred Christians enjoy compare with the tribulations they suffered (vv 13-17)?

10. In the first century, persecution of Christians came from three basic sources: emperor worshipers, heretics and Jews rejecting Christ, and those whose commercial interests were threatened by the radical lifestyle of Christians. Why might faithful Christians suffer today?

11. How does the experience of the believers referenced in chapter 7 help us understand the ultimate benefit of being faithful Christians?