

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 20th February 2022 (KEC Hybrid Service)

The livestream can be accessed at

https://www.facebook.com/bemkec/live_videos/ or <https://youtube.com/bemkec/live>

Welcome to church! Here at BEM KEC, these are our core convictions:

- To be centred on the gospel
 - To be driven by God's Word
 - To be focused on growing disciples
 - To be a community of truth and love
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1. CALL TO WORSHIP – Isaiah 52:7-10, 53:4-6

2. Worship in SONG (with Daniel Langat):

SONG 1: This is amazing grace

SONG 2: All I have is Christ

SONG 3: Undivided

SONG 4: The Potter's Hand

3. Prayers

5. Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 9:1-27

9 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not the result of my work in the Lord? **2** Even though I may not be an apostle to others, surely I am to you! For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

3 This is my defense to those who sit in judgment on me. **4** Don't we have the right to food and drink? **5** Don't we have the right to take a believing wife along with us, as do the other apostles and the Lord's brothers and Cephas^[a]? **6** Or is it only I and Barnabas who lack the right to not work for a living?

7 Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat its grapes? Who tends a flock and does not drink the milk? **8** Do I say this merely on human authority? Doesn't the Law say the same thing? **9** For it is written in the Law of Moses: "Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain."^[b] Is it about oxen that God is concerned? **10** Surely he says this for us, doesn't he? Yes, this was written for us, because whoever plows and threshes should be able to do so in the hope of sharing in the harvest. **11** If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you? **12** If others have this right of support from you, shouldn't we have it all the more? But we did not use this right. On the contrary, we put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ.

13 Don't you know that those who serve in the temple get their food from the temple, and that those who serve at the altar share in what is offered on the altar? **14** In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel.

¹⁵ But I have not used any of these rights. And I am not writing this in the hope that you will do such things for me, for I would rather die than allow anyone to deprive me of this boast. ¹⁶ For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷ If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. ¹⁸ What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make full use of my rights as a preacher of the gospel.

¹⁹ Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰ To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. ²¹ To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. ²⁶ Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. ²⁷ No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

- a. [1 Corinthians 9:5](#) That is, Peter
- b. [1 Corinthians 9:9](#) Deut. 25:4

SERMON OUTLINE: The liberty to love (1 Cor. 9)

Introduction

I. Enjoy freedom because of the gospel vv. 1-14

II. Exercise freedom to advance the gospel vv. 15-23

III. Employ self-control in benefit of the gospel vv. 24-27

Conclusion

Response: The Wonderful Cross

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Connect cards**
- **Giving**

<p>Home Fellowship Groups Most groups have started meeting! (Usually Thursday/Friday evenings). If you would like to register your interest in joining a Home Fellowship Group, please do so at https://bemkec.my/home-fellowship-groups/</p>	<p>English Youth Ministry Our youth group meets every Saturday evening at church (Conference Room 1), 8-9.30pm. If you're interested to come, do let us know at https://bemkec.my/english-youth-ministry/</p>	<p>Sunday School Our Sunday School is currently still online (either live on Zoom/lessons Whatsapp to parents – depending on age group). Please contact our deacon Abang Trang if you wish to know more.</p>
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- **Christianity Explored** is running every **Thursday, 8pm, on Zoom**. It's not too late to invite someone along. Register at <https://bemkec.my/christianity-explored/>.
- We will be running the **Bible Overview class** (part of the Equip Certificate in Theology), every **Thursday evening, 8-10pm**, for 10 weeks, starting on **3rd March, on Zoom**. This is a great opportunity to understand how the Bible fits together as one big story, and how it all points to Jesus! Course Fees: RM160 (Normal), RM110 (Concession). Register at <https://bit.ly/BOBEMKuching2022>.
- **Gospel fluency: speaking the gospel with precision and ease. Speaker: Kevin Murphy. Saturday, 26th Feb, 10am-12pm, on Zoom**. How can we talk to others about Jesus? How can we learn to speak the truth in love, into the everyday stuff of life? Come and learn, by registering for this free webinar at <https://gospelcitynetwork.com/gospel-bungkus/>.
- Our **membership briefing** is happening today, **2-4pm**, in the church hall.
- **Ushers**. Are you looking for an opportunity to serve the church family? We are looking for more volunteers to serve as ushers on a Sunday. Please do contact our deacon Benjamin Baru if you can help.
- **Preaching next week: Paul Ling (1 Corinthians 10:1-13)**
- Our **Prayer Meeting** is on this week, on **Wednesday, Feb 23rd, 8-9ish pm**. It is on Zoom until further notice.

CHURCH SERVICE, 27th February: Our capacity **has increased to 160 people**, the maximum allowed under the latest SOP. Do be reassured that we have worked hard to maintain as safe an environment as possible!
Please do book early at <https://bemkec.my/booking/> to confirm your attendance. Bookings close on Saturday afternoon, 3pm.

Who should attend in-person service

- Those who have been fully vaccinated. (14 days from 2nd dose)
- Those who show no signs of being ill.

Who should attend online service

- Those who are still waiting to be fully vaccinated.
- Those who are unwell or exhibiting symptoms such as fever, cough, flu.
- Those who have been in close contact in the past week with a positive case.

BENEDICTION

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

- Hebrews 12:1-3