

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 8th November (KEC SERVICE ONLINE)

Please take note that this Sunday's service begins at **8.30am**, not 9am.

KIDS VIDEO will be made available by 8am. What is the way...to God? The Bible tells us that Jesus is the way to God! In John 14:6, Jesus teaches that he is the WAY to know God, he teaches us the TRUTH about God, and he teaches he is the only one who can give people LIFE forever with God.

Direct link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B5135QHRpVI>

You can access the livestream at https://www.facebook.com/bemkec/live_videos/

8.30am – Livestream starts

Livestream link should be available by 8.25am latest.

0. Starter discussion question:

“What reason do you have to be confident in God?”

1. CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 136

2. WORSHIP in SONG (with Jeremy Ng)

SONG 1: King Forevermore

SONG 2: At the cross

3. Christian Education slot: Charles Wesley & his gift of music

4. Prayers of intercession

- World
- Nation
- Church

5. Bible reading: Romans 8:31-39

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”^[a]

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,^[b] neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SERMON OUTLINE: Secure to eternity (Romans 8:31-39)

When doubt comes knocking

“I must confess here, with sorrow, that I have seasons of despondency and depression of spirit, which I trust none of you are called to suffer, and at such times I have doubted my interest in Christ, my calling, my election, my perseverance, my Savior’s blood, and my Father’s love.”

- Charles Spurgeon, ‘The Glorious right hand of the Lord’ (sermon)

“If ours is an examined faith, we should be unafraid to doubt. If doubt is eventually justified, we were believing what clearly was not worth believing. But if doubt is answered, our faith has grown stronger. It knows God more certainly and can enjoy God more deeply.”

- Os Guinness, *In Two Minds: The Dilemma of Doubt and how to resolve it*

Mark 9: “I believe! Help my unbelief!” (believing doubt)

What Romans 8:31-39 is designed to do

The breathtaking images of Romans 8

But what if I doubt this portrait?

The headline of Romans 8:31-39 –

In Christ, there is absolutely nothing that can separate you from God’s love

Consider the evidence!

1. God is absolutely committed to you (v.31-32)

Who is against us?

A long list!

A rational response

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Just a claim! How can we be sure?

The argument of v.32

“Christ went more willing to the cross than we do to the throne of grace” (Thomas Watson)

2. God has 100% acquitted you (v.33-34)

Who will bring any charge?

Who can make the accusations stick? Ans: _____! Why not?

That’s my defence!

What about the world?

3. God will assure you of your advance (v.35-37)

Psalm 44 – the point

None of this is proof that God has stopped loving you

More than conquerors

The evidence is in!

The closing argument (v.38-39)

Paul's five questions are not arbitrary. They are all about the kind of God we believe in. Together they affirm that absolutely nothing can frustrate God's purpose (since he is for us), or quench his generosity (since he has not spared his Son), or accuse or condemn his elect (since he justified them through Christ), or [tear] us from his love (since he has revealed it in Christ).

- John Stott

I believe, help my unbelief!

What Romans 8 teaches about the Christian life

If you take this to heart

Response Song: I stand amazed in the presence

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Service update
- Connect cards
- Christianity Explored (continues every Thursday, 8pm on Zoom. Contact Sharon Ling for details)
- Entrust conference
- Upcoming sermon series: Life Thereafter
- Giving
- Prayer Meeting

BENEDICTION

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

- Ephesians 3:17b-19