

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 31th January 2021 (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. This week, we'll be looking at a really big question – why is there suffering? Does God care? Join us to find out!

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

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

Or on Youtube here: <https://youtube.com/bemkec/live>

8.30am – Livestream starts

Livestream link should be available by 8.25am latest.

1. CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 118:15-29

2. WORSHIP in SONG (with Daniel Langat):

SONG 1: Glorious Christ

SONG 2: Consider Christ

3. Mini book reviews:

- *Women of the Word* by Jen Wilkin
- *Honest Evangelism* by Rico Tice
- *Sense and Nonsense about Heaven and Hell* by Kenneth Boa & Rob Bowman
- *Big Picture Parenting* by Harriet Connor
- *Resolving Everyday Conflict* by Ken Sande & Kevin Johnson
- *Radical Gratitude* by Peter Maiden

4. Prayers

5. Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-23

3 Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ. **2** I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. **3** You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans? **4** For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not mere human beings?

5 What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. **6** I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. **7** So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. **8** The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. **9** For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

10 By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. **11** For no one can lay any foundation

other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, ¹³ their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. ¹⁴ If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

¹⁶ Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.

¹⁸ Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become "fools" so that you may become wise. ¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight. As it is written: "He catches the wise in their craftiness"^[a]; ²⁰ and again, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile."^[b] ²¹ So then, no more boasting about human leaders! All things are yours, ²² whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas^[c] or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, ²³ and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.

Build on the right foundation (1 Cor. 3)

The Kemper Arena & the TransAmerica Pyramid

Which structure would you rather be in?

How can we build a church that will last? How can we build God's people in God's way?

The Corinthian Christians' answer

Don't get ahead of yourselves!

5 steps we must take

1. Don't remain as an infant (v.1-4)

The problem (v.3, 1)

Incriminating evidence #1: v.2

Doesn't mean moving on from the cross

Gospel-centred, not gospel-only

Incriminating evidence #2: v.3-4

The irony

The problem of *remaining*

Are we teachable?

2. Have an appropriate view of God's servants (v.5-9)

Mistaking who the owners are

"Only servants"

The farmhands & the owner/Life-Giver

God works *through* his servants

The distinction of verse 9

One purpose; not competitors

3. Make sure you're building with the right materials (v.10-15)

"Each one should build with care" (v.10)

Those who one day will have to give an account

Only one foundation

“As the building rises from its foundation, it must be built of the same teaching about *who* Jesus is and *what* he has done for us in his death and resurrection.” (Paul Barnett)

Possible to build using shoddy and inferior material

Two categories

Won't be shown the quality of our work immediately

Possible to build something impressive but not truly lasting

The opposite is also true

A real shame if verse 15 comes true

4. Remember whose building this is (v.16-17)

God's temple

Destroying God's temple

5. Recognise that in Christ, we actually have everything (v.18-23)

No more boasting! Stop trying to build the church in the ways of the world!

For all things are yours

Keep building

RESPONSE SONG: All I have is Christ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Connect cards
- Giving
- E100 Bible Reading Plan (<https://bemkec.my/e100>)
- Life Explored with Paul Ling, continues on Zoom until further notice.
- Personal evangelism webinars with Tim Nicholls (Final session Feb 5, 8-10pm).
Don't forget to try drawing *Two Ways to Live* on your own this week!
Can still sign up at <https://bemkec.my/evangelism>
- Bible Overview Class, begins Saturday, Feb 27, 2021, 10.30am-12.30pm for 10 weeks. This will take place on Zoom. Register at <http://bit.ly/2021T1BOBEMKuching>
- HFGs restart Friday Feb 19th
- Library open, Sat Feb 6, 2-4pm
- Prayer Meeting – on Zoom until further notice

BENEDICTION

¹² May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³ May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

- 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13