

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 29th 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. In this week's Kids' Video, we see that Jesus tells his followers not to worry about anything! God knows what we need, and he will provide.

Direct link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6JcHRmsOE_U

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:

“Refresher question! What comes in between the moment of death and Judgment Day?”

1. CALL TO WORSHIP – John 5:19-30

2. WORSHIP in SONG (with Emmy Baru)

SONG 1: Resurrecting

SONG 2: Where, O grave, is your victory?

3. Teaching Video: Family Worship

4. Prayers of intercession

- World
- Nation
- Church

5. Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-23, 35-58

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

...³⁵ But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?” ³⁶ How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body. ³⁹ Not all flesh is the same: People have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another. ⁴⁰ There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. ⁴¹ The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor.

⁴² So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; ⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; ⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ So it is written: “The first man Adam became a living being”^[a]; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we^[b] bear the image of the heavenly man.

⁵⁰ I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— ⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”^[c]

⁵⁵ “Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”^[d]

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

SERMON OUTLINE: What about our bodies?

“Spiritual” vs “physical”?

Platonists & Neo-Platonists: spiritual > physical

The great hope of the Christian is not/is...

The Bible story as a whole

Created as integrated body and soul

Bodies suffer from curse of sin

The gospel meets humanity's need in its entirety

1. How does our bodily resurrection come about?

1 Corinthians 15:20

What's the big deal?

The OT on bodily resurrection: Isaiah 26:19, Daniel 12:2

Now, a dead man has risen! (cf. John 20:25, 27)

The future has arrived

Firstfruit

2. What will our resurrection bodies be like?

Big Picture Answer:

Our resurrection bodies will be the same bodies we have, that are nevertheless transformed

2 analogies from nature

Seeds & plants (v.36-38)

Bodies suited for our environment (v.39-41)

How can we be sure?

Because our resurrection bodies will be patterned after Christ's glorious body (Phil. 3:20-21)

Consider Christ

Continuity

Discontinuity (Mystery!)

4 clear statements (v.42-44):

i. Our resurrection bodies will be imperishable, not perishable

ii. Our resurrection bodies will be glorious, not inglorious

iii. Our resurrection bodies will be powerful, not weak

iv. Our resurrection bodies will be spiritual, not unspiritual

The big point

2 FAQs

- What about those who don't trust in Christ?
- What about cremation?

3. What difference does knowing all this make?

- Great hope amidst broken bodies
- A sense of wholeness to look forward too
- A renewed motivation to live for Christ now

Response song: Where O grave is your victory?

Announcements

- Church Reopening Dec 6th, with Lord's Supper
- Christmas Together@Home
- Connect cards
- "The Weirdest Nativity" book
- Christianity Explored (keep praying!)
- Briefing for church membership applicants (Sun Dec 6, 2pm, in church hall)
- Pastor Brian on leave, Dec 7-12
- Giving
- Prayer Meeting

BENEDICTION

²³ May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24