

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 27th June (KEC SERVICE ONLINE)

Before the livestream starts at 9am:

KIDS VIDEO will be made available by 8.30am. This week, just like the adults, the kids will be listening to what Jesus says about those whom we regard as our enemies!

Direct link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rHgDSC6ODOE>

9am – Livestream starts

Livestream link should be available by 8.55am latest.

0. Starter discussion question: “How do you usually respond to those who oppose you?”

1. CALL TO WORSHIP – Isaiah 19:11-25

2. WORSHIP in SONG (with Silas Michael)

SONG 1: Living Hope

SONG 2: Worthy is the Lamb

3. Doctrine for Doxology: Four reasons Christians sin

4. Prayers of intercession

- World: India and Indian Christians
- Nation: The gradual “re-opening” of Malaysia
- Churches around the country as they re-open

5. Bible reading: Matthew 5:38-48

³⁸“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’¹ ³⁹But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. ⁴⁰And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. ⁴¹If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. ⁴²Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor² and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

¹ [Matthew 5:38](#) Exodus 21:24; Lev. 24:20; Deut. 19:21

² [Matthew 5:43](#) Lev. 19:18

SERMON OUTLINE: Jesus Culture – Love and grace (Matt. 5:38-48)

1. Relating to THESE people?
True test of faith vs the world's way.

2. Eye for Eye, Tooth for Tooth. (v38)

Guide for the courts (Exodus 21:23-25 ff)

Personal retribution? Getting even?

3. But I tell you(v39)
 - a. Turn the other cheek

Protecting yourself or family or others from harm? No punishment for evil crimes? Government's duty (Rom 13:1-7)

 - b. People demand from you?

Hand over your coat as well? v40

Go with them another mile? v41

Doing what the law requires and the go further.

 - c. Creating Gospel Opportunities

 - d. Giving and lending generously v42

4. Love your neighbour and hate your enemy v43

5. But I tell youv44

a. Why?

Children of God v45

Imitating your Father in Heaven.

Not like everyone else. v46-47

b. Agape love.

c. Praying for your persecutor.

Jesus walks the talk.

“Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” v48

Conclusion

How do we live lives that are attractive for the gospel?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pastoral update
- Congregational survey
- Webinars: “Walking with Depression” (17th July) and “Gospel-centrality in a believer’s life” (31st July, TBC)
- Giving
- Prayer Meeting (now back on Zoom)

BENEDICTION

¹⁷ [May Christ] dwell in your hearts through faith. 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 3:17-19