

## **KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (KEC SERVICE Online)**

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

We will not be showing any new Kids' Church Videos for the moment. Please do join one of our Sunday School groups instead! Contact Abang Trang for more info.

You can access the livestream at [https://www.facebook.com/bemkec/live\\_videos/](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 147**

### **2. WORSHIP in SONG (with Daniel Langat)**

SONG 1: Let your kingdom come

SONG 2: Blessed assurance

### **3. Biblical Theology Reflection: Circumcision of the heart**

#### **4. Prayers**

- World
- Nation
- Church

### **5. Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 7:17-24**

<sup>17</sup> Nevertheless, each person should live as a believer in whatever situation the Lord has assigned to them, just as God has called them. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches. <sup>18</sup> Was a man already circumcised when he was called? He should not become uncircumcised. Was a man uncircumcised when he was called? He should not be circumcised. <sup>19</sup> Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing. Keeping God's commands is what counts. <sup>20</sup> Each person should remain in the situation they were in when God called them.

<sup>21</sup> Were you a slave when you were called? Don't let it trouble you—although if you can gain your freedom, do so. <sup>22</sup> For the one who was a slave when called to faith in the Lord is the Lord's freed person; similarly, the one who was free when called is Christ's slave. <sup>23</sup> You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of human beings. <sup>24</sup> Brothers and sisters, each person, as responsible to God, should remain in the situation they were in when God called them.

**SERMON OUTLINE: Remain where you are – the Christian & Contentment (1 Cor. 7:17-24)**

The gap between what we expect and what we experience = d\_\_\_\_\_

That's when our mind starts turning to the "If onlys"

A different paradigm

1 Timothy 6:6 "Godliness with contentment is great gain"

The theological heartbeat of 1 Corinthians 7

Paul's main counsel:

**Remain where you are** (v.17, 20, 24)

Why?

**Because God has called you to himself**

The pervasive language of calling

Horizontal

vs

Vertical

*How do I know if the life I have now is what God is calling me to?*

Verse 17

Still writing your story

Under his sovereign and gracious direction

So what do you do? "Live as a believer"

*What about my circumstances?*

Doesn't determine our relationship with God

**i. Because God has called you to himself, your past circumstances no longer define you (v.18-20)**

Circumcision

Its significance

What some Gentiles want

What some Jews want

Either way, ppl feeling the weight of their past, and looking to change

Paul's radical statement

Here's what counts

Galatians 6:15; 5:6

**ii. Because God has called you to himself, your present circumstances don't have to hold you back (v.21-24)**

Slavery

Paul's shocking statement

What Paul is addressing

What some of the slaves were thinking

Paul's answer

Verse 22

The freest person of all

Christ's slave

**Paul's BIG POINT:**

**Whatever your situation today, live for God...Bloom where you're planted!**

One specific application: our marital status

Don't believe the lie that +ve/-ve change in circumstances = +ve/-ve change in relationship with God

God is for you

Live like the called, not like the consumer

## Response: In Christ Alone

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### ANOUNCEMENTS

- Connect cards
- Giving
- Missions Fund – latest update
- Questions about sermon? Submit them at <https://bemkec.my/1CorQnA>
- *Putting Parenting to bed*: This video-based parenting course continues **today**, 10.30-11.30am, Zoom. Facilitators: Ong Chin Yin and Lynn Ngui.
- *Christianity Explored* – starting 8pm every Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> for 8 weeks (inclusive of Gawai break) via Zoom. Register at <https://bemkec.my/christianity-explored/>
- Prayer Meeting – on Zoom until further notice.

### BENEDICTION

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

- Philippians 4:8-9