

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 11th October (KEC SERVICE - Hybrid)

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

KIDS VIDEO will be made available by 8am. Are kids important to Jesus? The Bible says yes! Let's watch this video to see that.

Direct link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sb3NfVDGZRO>

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.

1. CALL TO WORSHIP – Isaiah 63:7-14

2. WORSHIP in SONG (with Daniel Langat):

SONG 1: Yet not I but through Christ in me

SONG 2: Resurrecting

3. Prayers

- Nation
- Church

4. Bible reading: Romans 8:5-11

⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life^[a] because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of^[b] his Spirit who lives in you.

Romans 8:5-11: Secured by the Spirit

“This above all – to thine ownself be true”

The message of today’s passage

Two ways it could be taken

- Subjective

- Objective

The Romans 8 sense?

When we look inside ourselves...

But when we look outside ourselves...

Who we no longer are

2 kinds of people

Those in the flesh vs those in the Spirit

i.e. Those who trust in Christ vs those who don’t (verse 9)

No longer in its realm

The *character* of those in the flesh

What you’re doing when you “set your mind” on something

What the heart likes best, the mind studies most. (Richard Sibbes)

What do those in the flesh have their minds set on?

The essence of sin = Self

Incurvatus in se (curved in on oneself)

Your pre-Christian self

The *nature* of those in the flesh

Not just don't but can't

“There is no cavern of our mind, no recess of our soul, and no room of our heart that is not infected with the deadly virus of sin.” (Michael Bird)

The *direction* of those in the flesh

This is NOT you

Be true to who you are in Christ

How in the world did we escape from the realm of the flesh?

Who has come into our life

Who he is: Holy

Spirit of Christ

And so our very *nature* has changed.

What would the *character* of someone in the Spirit be like?

This is who you are now!

The challenge: do you belong to Christ?

The *direction* your life goes in

How can I be certain, given present experience?

Bodies “still subject to death because of sin”

But verse 11!

We have a better message

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- AGM on Zoom
- Connect cards
- Hot Topics Webinars, every Wednesday this month 4.30-5.45pm Malaysian time.
This week: Navigating singleness with a clash of cultures
More info here: <https://www.singlemindedconference.com/hot-topics-2020>
- Christianity Explored Online, starting Oct 29
(<https://bemkec.my/christianity-explored/>)
- Giving
- Prayer Meeting (we'll stay on Zoom this week)

BENEDICTION

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

- Romans 5:13