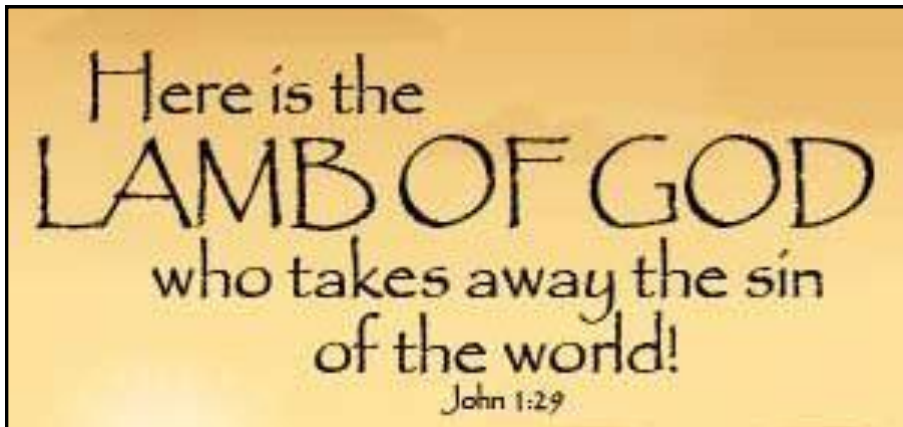




18TH OCTOBER 2020



TODAY:

Series: Significant Hymns and Songs

Study 5: Just As I Am – Special guest presenter

Speaker: Pastor Tony

Sunday 25th October

Series: Significant Hymns and Songs

Study 6: Joyful Joyful Speaker: Pastor Tony

For viewing these services, log on to the church website -
www.ftgbc.org.au

*“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
being justified freely by His grace
through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus”*

Romans 3:23-24

Message From Tony

We Need God's Mercy and Forgiveness

Joel Stucki writes: ‘I struggle with the desire to impress people. I want to be the great musician, the great theologian, the great scholar. I want to say the thing that will unify the Church. I want a platform that will enable me to reach millions of people all around the globe. And so on.

Fundamentally, this is also a desire to impress God. I want God to need me; I want to be vital to his operation. That may sound good and holy, but it’s a denial of who he is and who I am. God has no needs of any kind. He is totally self-sufficient, and it is only by grace that he allows any of us to take even the slightest role of participation in his plan to redeem the world.

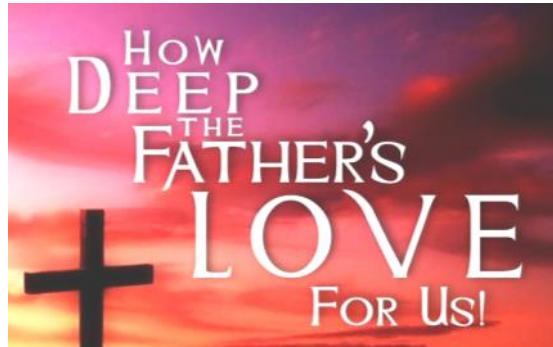
Who am I? I am certainly no great scholar, and I have no global platform. But even if I were the greatest Christian writer and speaker of all time, I am still a man. God does not need me; I need him. I need the cross and the empty tomb. I need the blood of Jesus.

A woman named Charlotte Elliott wrote a hymn that perfectly captures the simplicity of this truth:

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd’st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

I bring nothing to the table in this relationship. My skills, knowledge, and accomplishments are meaningless. All I can do is rely on the blood of Jesus and answer him when he calls to me. It is his righteousness on which I stand, for I have none on my own. Everyone needs redemption; the most devoted preacher of the gospel needs it just as much as the most hardened convict in the penal system. I cannot come to him and say, “Look at all the good I’ve done!”





*How deep the Father's love for us How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure*

*How great the pain of searing loss The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory*

*Behold the man upon a cross My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers*

*It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished*

*I will not boast in anything No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection*

*Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom*

Songwriter: Stuart Townend

**God's love is like an ocean. You can
see its beginning, but not its end.**

Rick Warren

To worship the Lord with tithes and offerings you can:

Do a bank transfer into the Church bank account. Details are:
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Zoom Home Groups

Wednesday - 8pm

Thursday - 2pm

Both groups are using the Bible Study material which is currently being made available in the weekly news sheet.

Please contact
Pastor Tony
if you would
like to be
involved
in either of
these groups.



Birthdays:

20th October Angela A

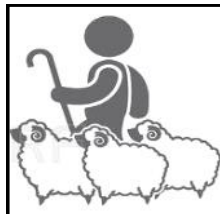
24th October Johanna S

Don't forget to let the editor know of any special celebrations in your family.

Pastoral Availability:

Tony will be working from his home office but can be contacted on 0406686715.

Please note: Under current restrictions Tony can only meet personally with people under special circumstances.



ATAHUALPA - A King's Ransom

In 1532, Conquistador Francisco Pizarro, along with 160 fighting men, entered the heart of the Inca empire and found their way to the Inca king Atahualpa. A Spanish friar with Pizarro told the king that his people must renounce their gods. When Atahualpa asked upon what authority such a demand was made, the friar handed him a catechism which Atahualpa violently threw to the ground. The Spaniards used this insult as an excuse to massacre the crowds of unarmed people and arrest the king.

Atahualpa, believing the Spanish wanted only gold, came up with a plan to save his life. He told Pizarro he would give enough gold and silver to fill three large rooms in exchange for his release. The gold hungry Pizarro agreed and by July 1533 more than 24 tons of exquisite treasure had been collected (worth \$247 million today). However, the Spaniards didn't honour the agreement but kept Atahualpa imprisoned for a further year then killed him. How sad that the largest ransom ever paid for one man's freedom was in vain.

Sadder still, there are millions who have had a king's ransom paid for them but choose to remain imprisoned.

*'God paid a ransom to save you
... And the ransom He paid
was not mere gold or silver.
He paid for you with the
precious lifeblood of Christ,
the sinless. Spotless lamb
of God.'*

I Peter 1:18-19

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Bible Study, New Testament Characters – Anna & Simeon

Growing Old with God – Luke 2:21-40

My friend, a photographer, displays a favourite photograph in his studio. It is not a cute child or a beautiful woman. Instead he captured beauty in a place few people think to look. His photo shows an ancient woman, wrinkled, toothless – in a full belly shaking laugh. Proverbs 31, in its litany of womanly virtues, startles us by putting into verse 25 “She can laugh at the days to come.” Most people shrink from old age. But some welcome it with confidence and joy.

GROUP DISCUSSION – What do you want to be like when you are old?

PERSONAL REFLECTION – What qualities have you admired in people who are old? What qualities do you hope to avoid as you become aged yourself?

When Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple at the age of forty days, they encountered two aged people: Simeon and Anna. Both had lived long and well with God. Read Luke 2:21-40

If you had been a bystander observing these events, what would have impressed you? Why?

Why did Jesus and his family go to Jerusalem (vv. 23-24)?

In what ways was Simeon already prepared to meet Jesus (vv. 25-27)?

What did Simeon know about the past and future (vv. 29-35)?

Why did Simeon feel that he was ready for God to dismiss him from this life (vv. 26, 29)?

What would you like to see happen so that you could say at the end of your life, “Lord, now dismiss your servant in peace”?

Focus on verses 36-40. Why might you say that Anna’s life was difficult but fulfilling?

How did God use Anna?

How did the next stage of Christ’s life prepare him to do and be what Anna and Simeon had predicted (vv. 39-40)?

What do you admire about the aged characters in the story?

What could you do now to prepare for an old age that is at peace with God?

Questions taken from ‘A Life Guide Bible Study Book’ by Carolyn Nystrom

The "Third"

Bible Trivia Quiz



1. What is the third word in the book Genesis?
2. What did God create on the third day?
3. Who was the third son of Adam and Eve?
4. Who was third son of Jacob?
5. What was the third plague in Egypt when Pharaoh refused to let the Israelites go?
6. What is the third of the Ten Commandments?
7. In the divided kingdom, who was third king of Judah?
8. What did Queen Esther ask for at the third banquet she prepared for the King and Haman?
9. Supply the missing words from the third chapter of Proverbs.
"Trust in the LORD with all your _____
and lean not on your own _____;"
10. Who was the third disciple called by Jesus?
11. What is the third beatitude?
12. In Jesus' parable of the four soils, what is the third kind of soil.
13. Where was Peter the third time he denied Christ?
14. On the third day after Jesus died, who was the first person to visit his tomb?
15. On Paul's third missionary journey, he came to a town with several believers, none of whom had heard about the Holy Spirit.
What town was this?

NEVER TOO OLD



‘As I approached my later years of paid employment, I was not ready for the ‘grey-haired nomad’ set, although a time of travel and exploration at your own pace sounds exciting. I was encouraged by my wife and the Holy Spirit to a time of unpaid cross-cultural service. It has been exciting and reassuring to know that God desires to use us older blokes in obedience to his Great Commission, as well as everyone else. This is also where all our life’s experiences culminate in serving where He calls.



Be assured, the mission field wherever that may be for you, needs us older blokes. It’s a time of giving back to our Lord in a different environment, where you can bring your life’s knowledge and experiences to the field of God’s calling. It’s also a refreshing time where you know you haven’t been ‘turned out to pasture’ but are joining the many thousands of other cross-cultural workers in His mission – now that’s exciting!

-Gary, a Pioneers worker serving in the Philippines.

On my daily walk:

Native ducks have it good this year without a ‘duck shooting season’.



REACH BEYOND

VOICE+HANDS, TOGETHER

Below is a testimony received
from Sugamya, a Reach Beyond
listener in India

“I am a widow and I have no one to take care of me. I lost my job during this pandemic and I was helping in a company as a cleaner. Since the company was shut down, I was not able to earn money and have no relatives to ask for help. For a few days, someone helped me buy rice and gave me 1,000 Rupees for vegetables (just under \$20). After that I had no one to seek help from. I was thinking in my heart as to why I should live, and had almost given up. I tuned in to your radio program to hear the word of God. The song and the word lifted my spirit and reminded me that “God will not leave me nor forsake me”. God saved my life, and I also got back my job. Please continue to speak the word of God, it saved my life. It will surely save many, I believe!”

Since May this year Reach Beyond has also been using WhatsApp to distribute short, encouraging audio messages in five different languages and seen it grow to reaching over 20,000 people.

Please pray for program producers: for protection, for inspiration of the Holy Spirit to provide messages of hope during this time when many listeners are suffering greatly because of COVID-19



Continue praying for Ange Bakhtiari as she has returned to her role as chaplain at Ferntree Gully North P.S. Also, praise the Lord that her husband has had fulltime work during the COVID restrictions working as a council rubbish collector. They are thankful that along with their two daughters, now one and three, they are still able to live in the Basin with Ange's parents.



Please keep Jonathan and Michelle in prayer as Jonathan has given his resignation to the Ambulance service in order to take up an Intern role with the Christian Union in Ballarat early in 2021 and undertake Theological education.

Continue to pray for Bingh (Gabriella) and her family following her diagnosis of bowel cancer. Bingh is now at home undertaking chemotherapy as an outpatient. Please uphold Bingh in prayer as she continues keeping her hope and focus on the Lord God and seeking His guidance.

Please keep Peter Krueger in prayer as recovers from kidney stone surgery and now awaits hip surgery on 17th November.

Please pray for all people who will log in to watch the FTG service on line this Sunday, that the Lord God will touch people's hearts by His Holy Spirit and reveal their need for Him.

Pray for our those in the our Victorian Government who are making decisions regarding moves out of lockdown; for wisdom but also understading and consideration for those who have and continue to struggle through this period.

Pray that is some way soon we will be able to join together face to face. Pray for Tony and the Elders as they consider how this can be done safely.

Keep Regina in prayer as she spent time in Knox Private Hospital this week. Pray for the doctors as they determine any necessary action and also that Regina will continue to know God's peace and comfort.

"Heaven is full of answers to prayer for which no one ever bothered to ask" - Billy Graham

Pray for the MISSIONS & WORKERS
we take an interest in including...



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Answers to The 'Third' Bible Quiz

1. beginning: Gen. 1:1
2. Dry land, seas, and vegetation; Gen. 1:9
3. Seth; Gen. 4:25
4. Levi, Gen. 29:32-34
5. Gnats; Exodus 16
6. *You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God* Ex. 20:7
7. Asa, I Kings 14:21- I Kings 15:8
8. That she and her people be spared from Haman's plot Esther 7:3
9. heart, understanding; Prov. 3:5
10. Philip: John 1:40-44
11. *Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.* Matt. 5:5
12. Thorny soil Matt. 13:1-9
13. Standing by the fire, John 18:25-26
14. Mary Magdalene, John 20:1
15. Ephesus, Acts 19