



*Greetings and welcome to our service.
If you are a guest or looking for a new Church home,
you are especially welcome.
Crèche facilities are located next to the foyer for your convenience.
Please join us for morning tea after the service.*



Today

**29TH AUGUST
2021**

10am - Worship

Speaker - Tony Burgum

The Gospel of Romans

Study 28: What Should Be Our Response?

– Romans 11:33 to 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Romans 12:1-2

A Word From Tony

A Practical Doctrine

As we return to the book of Romans, it important to note that Paul has moved from **doctrine** in chapters 1-11 to **practice** (application) in chapters 12-16.

F.F.Bruce writes: ‘Doctrine is never taught in the Bible simply that it may be known, it is taught in order that it may be translated into practice: “*if you know these things, blessed are you if you do them*” (John 13:17). Hence Paul repeatedly follows up an exposure of doctrine with an ethical exhortation, the latter being linked to the former, as here, with the particle ‘therefore’ (cf - Ephesians 4:1, Colossians 3:5).’

So, as we turn to Romans 12, in view of all that God has accomplished for believers in Christ, the question can be asked, how should believers live? Paul says that they should present themselves to God as a ‘living sacrifice’, consecrated to Him. However, we need to note, the animal sacrifices of an earlier day have been rendered forever obsolete by Christ’s self-offering. However, there is always room for the worship rendered by obedient hearts. Instead of living by the standards of a world, which is at discord with God, believers are exhorted to let the renewing of their minds by the power of the Spirit transform their/our lives into conformity with God’s will.

What's On This Week

Due to COVID lockdown, all ministry and meetings have been suspended including home groups in private homes or at the Church.

Next Sunday 5th September

Speaker: Tony Burgum
Series: The Gospel Message of Romans
Study 29: Gifted For Service -
Romans 12:3-8

Lord's Supper

Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 12th September – Annual Church Life Meeting
Friday 29th to Sunday 31st October –
Church Family Camp, Belgrave Heights Lodge

Pastoral Availability

During lockdown Pastor Tony is restricted in visiting but he can be contacted on 0406 686715.

Day off— Thursday



Annual Church Life Meeting



Meeting
Reminder

We plan to hold our Annual General Church Life Meeting on Sunday 12th September.

We will keep you informed with regard to minutes, agendas and timing of the meeting.

If you wish to do a bank transfer into the Church bank Account the details are:

ANZ - Ferntree Gully
Baptist Church

BSB: 013278

Account: 296710027



FERNTREE GULLY BAPTIST CHURCH
Series: The Gospel Message of Romans
Study 29: What Should Be Our Response?
Romans 11:33-36 to 12:1-2

Introduction

. The Basis for our Response – Mercies of God

. The Nature of our Response – Total Surrender

. The Means of our Response – Renewal

. The Result of our Response – Discernment

Conclusion

The preciousness of God's Word

When Alexander Duff sailed for India as a missionary, he took a library of 800 much treasured books. In a ship wreck, he lost them all. Looking back to the sea, he saw something small being washed ashore. When he picked it up, he discovered it was his own Bible. Alexander decided God was showing him that the Bible was worth more than all the other books in his library. Through his study of the Word, God became more real and his life became a great blessing to other.



'We must know the Word of God to know the God of the Word.'

The universe reveals the handiwork of God but the Bible reveals the heart of God.'



A Church
Family
Camp at
Belgrave
Heights
Convention

Lodge is currently booked for 29th to 31st October 2021. However, with the current ongoing COVID lockdown uncertainties we are reevaluating the viability of a camp. We are keen to hear current thoughts from those who initially put their names down to attend. Please speak to Andrew Ullrich or Pastor Tony.

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PSALM 19:7



I SURRENDER ALL

All to Jesus, I surrender All to Thee I freely give
I will ever love and trust You In Your presence daily live

I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour I surrender all

All to Jesus, I surrender Lord, I give myself to Thee
Fill me with Your love and power Let Your blessing fall on me

I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender Now I feel the sacred flame
O the joy of full salvation Glory, glory, to Your name

I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour I surrender all



Please pray for the growth and effectiveness of WhatsApp messaging now being undertaken in five languages. The Tamil messages are being sent to over 10,000 listeners, many of whom forward them on to countless others.

One listener wrote, 'I am a lab technician working for a hospital. I was working in the COVID ward and was so fearful of contracting it. I have children at home and am a single parent. I am listening to your WhatsApp messages and it encourages me. One of my colleagues forwards them to me and I am forwarding them to at least 3 more groups (at least 100 people). I would like to take Baptism when the situation turns to normalcy.' Shari



The Privilege of Prayer

Prayer points from the BUV re Afghanistan. Please pray for:
Safety for families across Afghanistan fleeing for their lives
Protection for vulnerable women and girls
Provision for people in need of food shelter and hope
Peace and justice to prevail and wisdom for global leaders
Comfort for Afghans currently living in Australia.
Safety and comfort for those Afghans being evacuated as they settle in other countries, including Australia.

Please pray for CHIPS and the various Chaplains they oversee, including Ange Bakhtiari, as they continue to supply support for children, parents, teachers and staff in Primary Schools during the ongoing lockdowns.

Continue upholding Andrea Rothweiler in prayer as she continues her support role with Wycliffe in PNG. Pray also for the ongoing work of Bible Translation which has been restricted somewhat during the COVID pandemic.

Praise the Lord that Joy Davis' surgery went well. Pray for good recovery, possibly including time in rehab. Pray for Joy as she is missing being at home with Russell and the boys.

Pray for Giovanni who has/or will be moving shortly to Wantirna Health Palliative Care Unit. Pray that the immediate family will be able to visit. Currently only Angela and Maria are able to visit.

Please pray for those involved with Belgrave Heights Convention as they are having to again adapt upcoming Conventions; Make Disciples – 9th September and Women's Convention 10th October, which will now need to be viewed on line. Pray that the impact and teaching through these Conventions will be encouraging and challenging to those watching and that the Lord God will continue to draw people to Himself through these events.



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