



*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.*

**12TH
SEPTEMBER
2021**



Today

10am - Worship

Speaker - Tony Burgum

Series: The Gospel Message of Romans

Study 30: Genuine Love In Action - Romans 12:9-21

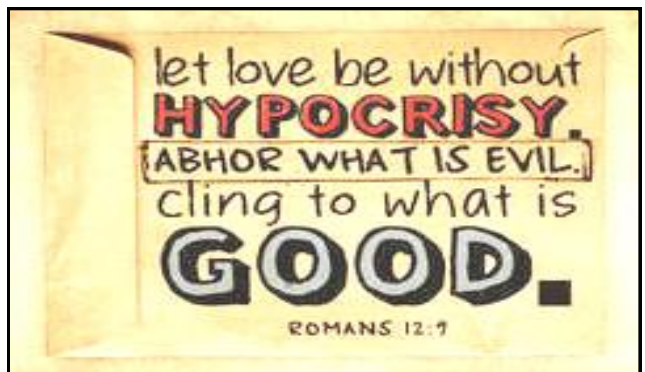
A Word From Tony

Love Must Be Sincere

One of the differences between Christians and the world is our ability to love. This love comes solely from God and stems out of the fact that He first loved us. In 1 John 4:7 we find; *"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God"*. Our capacity to love is much more than a natural response to a feeling, our capacity is supernatural because we are children of God and His Spirit dwells with in us.

And as we turn to Romans 12:9-21 today, we first find in verse 9 that Paul tells us; *let love be without hypocrisy*. It must be genuine, sincere - the real thing. It must be without hypocrisy. In our natural selves this is hard to do. It is not always easy to show love and compassion to one another, but this is the mark of a born-again believer. Our love for one another should speak louder than any words we can express.

It is no mystery that love is the very first element mentioned in the fruit of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22-23. *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such there is no law"*. This fruit is the characteristics of God that were deposited in our born-again spirit. These things were given to us at salvation and prove that we are children of God when we allow them to operate in our lives. We have been given a supernatural ability to love one another. Love is the anchor to every fruit of the Spirit because God is love and His love is the driving force behind everything He has done. In the same way, since God loved us, we should love one another and allow His love to flow through us (1 John 4:11).



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 12th September

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Study 31: Be Careful of Disputes Over Doubtful Things
Romans 14:1-12



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

Pastoral Availability

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

Day off -Thursday



Church Annual Reports

Due to the extension of the COVID lockdown, we are not having the planned Annual General Church Life Meeting today. Instead, annual reports, including a financial report for 2020/21, proposed budget for 2021/22, Pastors report, Secretary's report and membership report have been sent via email or hand delivered. When receiving the reports, we encourage you to read them through and ask any questions or provide comments to Andrew Ullrich or Pastor Tony.

With regard to the budget and membership, we will be providing a two week period for any questions, then we will proceed with the recommendations.

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Introduction

. Genuine Love in Action to the Family of God – Romans 12:9-13

. Genuine Love in Action to Humanity in General – Romans 12:14-16

. Genuine Love in Action to an Enemy – Romans 12:17-21

Conclusion

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS



*Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.*

*Before our Father's throne,
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts, and our cares.*

*We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.*

*When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.*

John Fawcett

Love One Another

by Donna Hendrix

Red and yellow, black and white
They are precious in His sight
A little song we use to sing as children
But such a powerful message for every Christian

Christ is in everyone; He loves us all
We are to break down barriers, not build walls
No man on earth outshines another
We're all part of our Father; sisters and brothers

So remember the words to this precious song
Jesus loves us all for to Him we belong
He made us all in His image to love one another
To show kindness and mercy towards each other

There's no place for prejudice upon the earth
We're all God's children through rebirth
He loves us all equally and expects us to do the same
That is to love everybody in our Father's name!



Spotted on a church noticeboard: "Love your enemies;
After all, you made them."



The Privilege of Prayer

Please continue prayer for Ben deJong, he is currently home and carers are coming to the home regularly. Praise the Lord that he is able to stay at home, but pray that he will continue to know God's care, leading and strength for each day.

Praise the Lord that Joy Davis is at home but continue to pray for her as Russell has organised a personal trainer to come to the house regularly to help Joy gain strength in her arms and legs again.

Pray for Jeanette Ullrich as she continues to provide support and care for families linked with playgroup. Many are struggling with isolation and lockdown fatigue. Pray that the gifts and crafts Jeanette supplies will be an encouragement and a source to point people to God's love.

Continue praying for our Governments (1 Timothy 2:1-2) to be making wise decisions and especially caring for those in need and vulnerable. Also, to make wise and fair decisions about releasing from lockdowns.

Some praise and prayer points from Jonathan and Michelle Ullrich:

Pray for Jonathan and Michelle as opportunities open up to meet with people from uni and church as lockdowns are lifted in regional areas of Victoria, including Ballarat.

Praise that they have been able to continue running regular Tuesday events, with 3 new students engaging being a big highlight.

Praise for the openness, vulnerability and conversation which flowed out of sex talks at a recent blokes camp.

Give thanks that the sister of a girl at the church has been able to escape Afghanistan and the opportunity to now assist with her visa.

Pray for wisdom in loving and sharing Jesus with other students from Sri Lanka, India, China and Vietnam.

Pray for both Jonathan and Michelle for sustaining strength, wisdom and balance as it comes to the busiest end of the year.



Rainer will be ordering the German book calendars for 2022 soon. If you would like one or more, please speak to Rainer. Cost will be approximately \$20.

In the foyer of a church, a young boy was looking at a plaque with the names of men and women who had died in various wars.

He asked the pastor, "Who are these people?" The pastor said, "Those are members from our church who died in the service." The boy asked, "The early service or the second service?"



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