



**17TH OCTOBER  
2021**

**Today**

**10am - Worship**

Speaker : Tony Burgum

Series: The Gospel Message of Romans

Study 34: The Pursuit of Love – Romans 14:14-23

**Service can be viewed on the Church Website [ftgbc.org.au](http://ftgbc.org.au)**



## A Word From Tony

### Pursue Love and Peace

As believers, we have more in common with our brothers and sisters in Christ than we have with the natural family we were born into. When we accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, we were reborn into God's family and now share a wonderful heritage based on His promises. This all stems from our faith in Jesus and is a bond that will transcend both time and distance. We will spend all eternity with these people so it makes sense for us to aim and eagerly pursue peace, love and mutual edification with each other.

Yes, we do note that Paul is absolutely clear in all his teachings that the essentials of the Gospel of grace and the good news of salvation in Christ, where the incarnate Word of God died for our sins and rose again the third day must never be compromised. Paul denounces false teachers preaching another gospel in the strongest language possible and gives multiple warnings against following, 'another Jesus'.

But, Paul here in Romans 14, also makes it very clear that in both Christian living, and in the non-essential of Christian doctrine, we need to be gracious, uncritical and living together in godly harmony. We should be pursuing peace among each other, encouraging and building up one another instead of tearing each other down by our actions and behaviours.

As such, no matter what convictions we hold to we are to always consider our fellow brothers and sisters and behave in a way that will build them up instead of causing confusion in their lives.

Paul writes: *“For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men”*  
(Romans 14:17-18).

There are more important things to consider than satisfying our own needs. We are a part of God’s kingdom and what we do has eternal significance.

## What's On This Week

Due to the continuing COVID lockdown, all ministry and meetings continue to be suspended and currently, no home groups can be held together in private homes or at the Church unless on Zoom.

### Next Sunday

## 24th October Worship

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Study 35: God Glorifying Harmony – Romans 15:1-13

### Pastoral Availability

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



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**FERNTREE GULLY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Series: The Gospel Message of Romans**  
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**Introduction**

**. Love Doesn't Create Stumbling Blocks - Romans 14:14-15**

**. Love Doesn't Create Divisions – Romans 14:16-18**

**. Love Aims for Peace – Romans 14:19-22a**

**Conclusion – Romans 14:22b-23**

Words & Music by  
Eddie Espinosa



### Verse 1

*Change my heart, O God,  
Make it ever true;  
Change my heart, O God,  
May I be like you.*

### Chorus

*You are the Potter,  
I am the clay;  
Mould me and make me,  
This is what I pray.*

### Verse 2

*Change my heart, O God,  
Make it ever true;  
Change my heart O God,  
may I be like you.*

### Verse 3

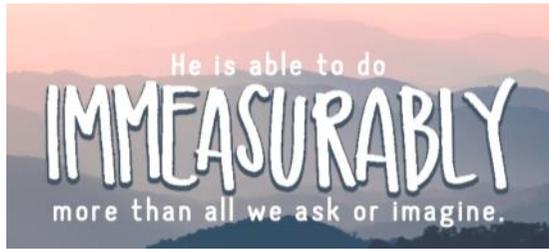
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### Verse 4

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Praise the Lord that Bradley Davis' follow-up test is negative for COVID-19 and the whole family is now free from isolation.

Praise the Lord that the service for Teresa Raven was able to go ahead at Maffra. Please continue to pray for the family, especially James, Teresa's son, and the impact of the testimony and message given at the service on those present and watching via an internet link.

Please pray for *Inoke and Ann Veamatahau* as Inoke leaves Essendon Baptist Church and takes up the position of senior pastor of Werribee Baptist Church.

Please pray for Belgrave South Baptist Church as Tim Dyer, their senior pastor, has just announced he will be leaving to take up a pastoral care role at Syndal Baptist Church. Pray for the leadership at BSBC as they seek an interim and new senior pastor.

Please pray for Alan Sullivan who is in Box Hill hospital after receiving a positive test for COVID-19. Also, pray for Maureen who has been caring for Alan and has been in close contact. Maureen is a member at Knox Community Baptist Church and they have been informed.

Please pray for the Mukti Australia, as the National office moves to Clayton to share office space with two other Christian organisations, bringing considerable saving on rent etc. The move is planned for late 2021, However, current COVID restrictions will cause some complications. Pray for Glenda deJager, National Director, as she coordinates the move.

Please pray for Wings of Hope in Sri Lanka following the sudden and ongoing lockdown as of 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021. People panicked and basic food items became hard to get and prices have escalated. Rebecca Alexander has sort further assistance from Australia to enable Wings of hope to reach out to more families with ration packs in this time of need. Praise the Lord that Mukti Australia has been able to assist with money to help provide some ration packs.

## Angel Tree – Prison Fellowship

Prison Fellowship have been running the Angel Tree program for over 30 years in Victoria. This program offers parents in prison a gift to be sent to their child, on their behalf at Christmas time. We as the Church at FTG, have been involved now for a number of years.

Thankyou to those who have given monetary gifts which will allow us to provide at least 30 gifts for children of men and woman who currently find themselves in prison. The numbers of gifts has been passed onto Prison Fellowship and we are now waiting details of children, their ages, gift ideas, addresses and any notes from parents.

It is planned that gifts will be purchased mid-November ready to be sent off early in December. Pastor Tony



**Prison Fellowship**  
*Australia*

## Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child

We have recently heard that Samaritan Purse is still going ahead with Operation Christmas Child, collecting shoe boxes in Victoria in 2021, even if in a scaled down fashion.

Operation Christmas Child is a hands-on way to bless children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and fun gifts. The boxes are collected and distributed in the name of Jesus Christ to children living in vulnerable situations.



If you would like to be involved, you could put together a shoe box yourself, provide some money toward filling a box or provide postage costs, which is \$10 per box. Boxes and more information is available from Lorraine Gray on 0421366430.

If you would like to be involved this needs to be done by late October early November.

***"In essentials, unity; in nonessentials,  
liberty; in all things, charity."***

**St. Augustine**

*The oil of gladness reduces  
friction and eases the wear  
and tear of living.*

Isaiah 61:2-3

‘Our God (will) comfort all  
who mourn, and provide for  
those who grieve in Zion - to bestow on them a crown of  
beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of  
mourning and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of  
despair.’



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