



**10TH OCTOBER
2021**

Today

10am - Worship

Speaker : Tony Burgum

Series: The Gospel Message of Romans

Study 33: Love One Another – Romans 13:8-14

Service can be viewed on the Church Website ftgbc.org.au

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therefore love is the fulfillment
of the law*

Romans 13:10



A Word From Tony

Love Thy Neighbour

In Romans 13: 8, Paul made the statement that those who love have fulfilled the law. He then goes on in verse 10 to say: “*Love does no harm to a neighbour, therefore love is the fulfillment of the law*”.

Paul showed previously that we will, by default, end up keeping the whole law if we simply obey the command to love our neighbours as we love ourselves (Leviticus 19:18). Now he makes it clearer still. When we are acting in love, we will not harm or hurt anyone. Hence, love fulfills the intention of every other command given to protect people from harm.

However, we should be careful not to read Paul's words to mean that the command to love our neighbours has now become the equivalent of the law of Moses. Paul is not teaching that if we succeed in loving others, we will obtain on our own the righteousness of God. Paul has been extremely clear that those who are in Christ have died to the law and have been released from the law (Romans 7:4–6).

Also, Paul's command is not suggesting that anything which displeases or bothers another is by definition, unloving. For example, Christians are commanded to speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15). Truths such as the reality of sin are sometimes hard to hear. What Paul means is that acts of love, in and of themselves, are not a source of harm.

Paul's point is, those who are in Christ, are called to keep on loving our neighbours as we love ourselves, even though we need to realise that we will not always love perfectly. But in noting that, Paul still encourages us to do all that we can to show love to our neighbour, both to those who are believers and not yet believers.

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 17th October Worship

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

Again, we want to thank Scott and Russell Davis for all their hard work in putting together the Sunday Worship Services. These have been viewed on the Church's website but also through DVD's which have been delivered weekly during lockdowns. The Davis family are currently in isolation due to a tier 1 COVID-19 contact. So, although the service will still be able to be viewed on the Church website, DVDs will not be available this week. We apologise for this and we are looking into other possibilities if isolation for the Davis's goes into this coming week.

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

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Introduction

. **Love a Command** - Romans 13:8-10

. **Love Fulfills God's Law** – Romans 13:8b

. **Love Examples** – Romans 13:9-10

- . Adultery
- . Murder
- . Stealing
- . False Witness
- . Covet

. **Love Because Salvation is Near** – Romans 13:11-12a

. **Love as Those in the Light** – Romans 13:12b-14

Conclusion

. How can we show love to someone in our Church Family?



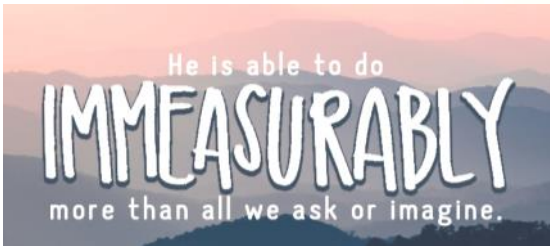
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Dave Bilbrough



Further to information re Teresa's passing last week, please pray for the family and friends as they meet together this Tuesday 12th October for a remembrance service in Traralgon. Pray that those attending and those watching via an on-line link, will be challenged by Teresa's strong faith and God's love and provision.

Praise the Lord that the village Evelyn and Lena live in has come out of isolation lockdown.

Please pray for Ashley Gillespie who is in strict lockdown in the Kilsyth share house he lives in after one of the residents tested positive to COVID-19. He then passed it on to another resident. Ash is double vaccinated.

Please pray for Ben deJong who was admitted to the Alfred hospital this week to have surgery to insert a feeding tube. Pray that Ben will be able to return home soon.

Pray for Giovanni who spent time in hospital this week but is home again now. Continue to pray that the medical teams can provide Giovanni relief from pain.

Pray for Ange Bakhtiari as she provides ongoing chaplaincy care for students, parents and staff at Ferntree Gully North Primary School as students begin to transition back to face to face learning.

Pray for the Davis family as they have had to go into isolation after workers at Kenworth Trucks, where Bradley works, have tested positive with COVID-19. Pray for Joy especially with her health condition.

Pray for Josh and Johanna (nee Schlag) Nowak as they have just announced they are expecting their first child.

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.

This year has been particularly difficult for many incarcerated parents as family visits have been cancelled due to COVID. They expect to have about 1,500 requests for gifts from parents in prison.

The parent completes a form with details of their children and can include a message to the child. We will be given details of children in late November with their name, age and gift suggestions. For the sake of equality, the gifts should be around \$30.

All those who are given contact details of families need to have a Working with Children Check card.

Please let me know if you would like to be involved in Angel Tree again this year and the number of gifts you would like to put money toward. I can then advise Prison Fellowship of numbers.
Pastor Tony



Prison Fellowship
Australia

In the later years of his life, George Frederic Handel lost his money. His creditors threatened him with imprisonment for non-payment of debts. In 1737 he suffered a debilitating stroke which left his right side paralysed. He had no place to go except to God. Putting his trust completely in Him to meet his needs, Handel went into seclusion where he spent much time in meditation and prayer.

Out of this time spent with God came possibly his most famous work, THE MESSIAH written in 1741.

The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves those who have a crushed spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all. Psalm 34:18-19

“Jesus himself came up and walked along with them.” Luke 24:15

Millie Stamm writes:

‘Two companions trudged the road, absorbed in talking of the events of Jesus crucifixion and supposed resurrection. Jesus approached and walked with them. However, they were so busy talking ABOUT Jesus that they failed to recognize him WITH them. . . . As we walk through life, we may be perplexed and disillusioned with things that have happened. Perhaps we have been looking so intently at our problems and trying so hard to find answers for them, we have failed to see Jesus walking with us in the midst of them. As he walks with us, he guides, protects and provides for us.

Our road may be in the valley of discouragement and disappointment, the steep climb of heartache and sorrow, the rough path of pain. Jesus knows each step of our way. He draws near to walk with us in it.’



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