# SURPASSING

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Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death —even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Agape Love

<sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

You're more sinful than you ever dared believe; you're more loved than you ever dared hope.

-Tim Keller, The Reason for God

#### Agape Love

<sup>10</sup> For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! (Romans 5:10)

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<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ove never fails.

I am patient and kind.
I am not envious or boastful.
I am not arrogant, rude, or disrespectful.
I do not selfishly insist on my own way.
I am not easily annoyed, offended or resentful, keeping a record of wrongs against me.

I find no joy in wrongdoing and am pleased win the truth wins out.

I do not reflexively react to the errors and faults of others, but I remain calm and protect them. I believe the best about others, always hoping for their best.

I persevere under every pressure others put on me.

I never give up and refuse to accept failure as defeat.

To give up yourself for others seems like such a tough thing to do; but that's how you can know for sure that God's love is working through you.

-Branon



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# Humility is not a character trait to develop, it's the natural by-product of being with Jesus.

-Louie Giglio



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