

# The Proof is in the Pudding

Romans 12:9–21

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## The Gospel transforms the way that we...

LOVE and CARE for one another, especially in the  
CHURCH (vv 9–13)

LIVE in HARMONY with those around us  
(vv 14–16)

OVERCOME our ENEMIES (vv 17–21)



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## FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. When you meet someone who tells you that they are a Christian, do you consider whether they are telling the truth? If so, what things might you use as evidence to test their claim? Matthew 7:16, Galatians 5:19-23
2. What does it mean for love to be genuine? What are some examples of genuine love and disingenuous love? John 13:1-5, Matthew 26:47-50
3. Which of the exhortations in the list relate to being “transformed by the renewal of your mind?” What does have a renewed mind look like (think back to Brian’s sermon on this passage)?
4. When you look at the list of exhortations more geared at the relationships within the church (verses 9-13, 15-16), which are the most challenging to you personally? Which are the easiest? Discuss why this might be.
5. What are some ways that we are persecuted for our faith in America, if any? Do you find it difficult to bless those who persecute?
6. Read verse 16 in both ESV and NASB. Consider the difference of the translation. What role does humility play in living harmoniously with those around us, especially in the Church? Philippians 2:3
7. What does it look like to be overcome with evil in the context of this passage? What does it look like to overcome evil with good?
8. How does bearing the Gospel in mind help us to overcome evil with good? Think about standing before God before you were saved versus after, and the means by which your standing changed.

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