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 - A growing **INTIMACY** with Jesus.
 - To **COMPREHEND** the greatness of God's love.
 - Less of **ME**, and more of **HIM**.
- 7) God is able to do exceedingly **ABUNDANTLY** above all that we ask or think!

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(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

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What did Paul say he knew?

What did he not know?

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1 Corinthians 13:8 - "Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away."

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

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