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Romans 8:28 - 39

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.



What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.



Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.



For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.







**God's children conquer because
God's love is unrelenting.**

Rom 8:37 "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors *through him who loved us.*"

Why can't we believe this?

'intuitional empiricism'

(curse bias)

vs.

'scientific empiricism'

(dispassionate analysis)



Vision of the Promise: Hope of Glory

Romans 8:12

“I do not consider our present sufferings to be worth comparing to the glory that will be revealed in us.”



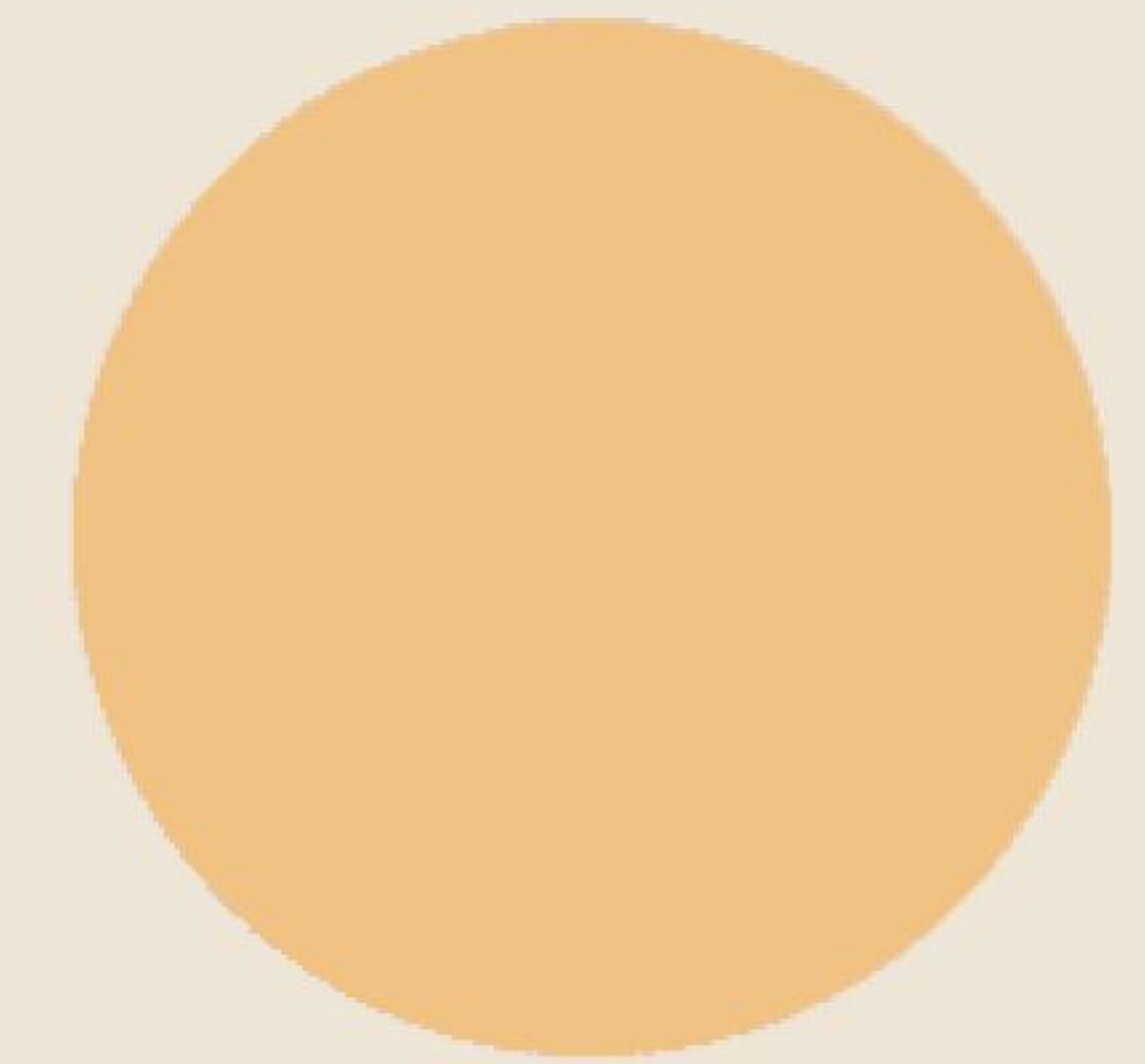
Next two weeks:

1. Moral self-doubt:

'I'm too weak and wretched.'

2. Suffering self-doubt:

'God can't be with me if I suffer.'



This week:



1. Moral self-doubt:

'I'm too weak and wretched.'



Romans 7:24

What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ”



“All of my life I've held on to this fear, These
thistles and vines ensnare and entwine, What
flowers appeared, It's the fear that I'll fall one
too many times, It's the fear that His love is no
better than mine.”

- Andrew Petersen, Just as I am



The demonstrations we miss...

Intuitionism empiricism confirmation bias

1. His purpose is the process vs. 29 + 32
2. The foreknowing God justifies vs. 33
3. The resurrected condemnation vs. 34
bearer is our advocate



Romans 5:6 - 10

Christ died **for the ungodly...**

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:

While **we were still sinners**, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, **when 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!



Isaiah 53:4 - 5

Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was **pierced for our transgressions**, he was **crushed for our iniquities**; the **punishment that brought us peace was upon him**, and **by his wounds we are healed**.





**So what shall we do
in response to this?**

Romans 5:1 - 8

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.



Romans 5:1 - 8

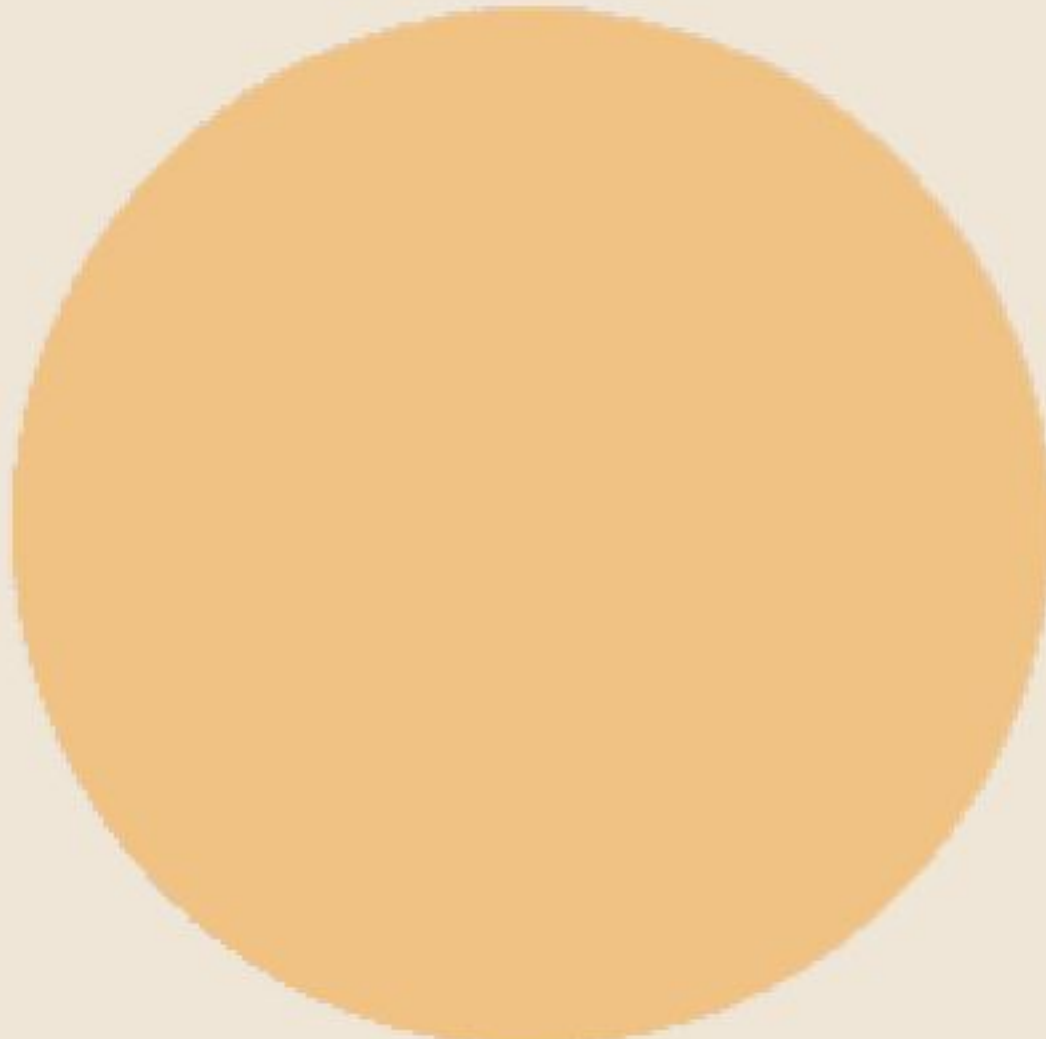
And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.



Romans 5:1 - 8

Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But ***God demonstrates*** his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.





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