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us? He who did not spare his own Son
but gave him up for us all, how will he
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We've seen in Romans 8:28 that all things work together for your good as a believer in Christ Jesus. The reason is because we are united to the Father through his Son as an act of grace. "What then shall we say to these things?" (v. 31). Paul asks this question to get us to think and to learn to use 'gospel logic.'

While every good and perfect gift does come to us from our heavenly Father (James 1:17), we are also told by Jesus that in this world we will know trouble (John 16:33). There will be those who oppose and even actively work against us. To see how God trumps this opposition, we must draw inferences from the gospel. God has demonstrated he is for us in giving the good gift of his Son. We are united to God in Christ; therefore no one can overcome us.

In Romans 8:32, God promises to graciously give believers "all things." If God has already sent his Son to save us from our sins, live the life we could not live and suffer the death we deserve, then why would he not give us all things that we truly need? What would he withhold? If I was selling my house for \$200,000 and someone offered me \$199,999 and said he would bring the \$1.00 at closing, I would not reject the offer. I would expect that \$1 at the closing table. Well, God has already given evidence of his infinite love for us, and this means that we can trust

he will give us what we need to grow in his grace. Jesus taught his little flock not to fear for it is God's good pleasure to give his children the kingdom (Luke 12:32). So, encourage your heart this day by using such gospel logic.

THIS WEEK, AS YOU PRAY:

- List the blessings God has given to you and your family and offer him thanksgiving.
- List the hard circumstances that are weighing upon you and bring them to your Father.
- Meditate upon the evidence of God's grace in today's passage and ask the Holy Spirit to help you cultivate gospel logic.
- Pray for those who are struggling to see God's love in the gospel and are overwhelmed by their hardships and trials.