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In Psalms 38.4 we read, 'For my iniquities have gone over my head; they weigh like a burden too heavy for me.' And we are all in the same boat, for in Rom 3.23 we read, 'For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.' How can we continue living with this knowledge? How can we deal with the fact that deep down we are no good?

Now I am not saying that we are totally devoid of any good. I don't think that God would have sent his son to earth to die for us if he did not see a spark of good there that he knew could be worked with. But in God's perspective, considering that he is the ultimate Goodness, we are really very evil. This is why he says in Romans that while we were sinners and enemies, he still loved us. Listen in chapter 3 vv 10-18,... We are truly far from him in our goodness. But we are not to despair, for it is God's grace that will see us through, that allows us to bear this burden of knowledge and go on, growing to be more and more like him and having the joyous life that he meant for us all to have as Christians.

But God will only work through us when we recognize our weakness for sin, for as he says in 2 Cor 12.9, 'my power is made perfect in weakness'. Luther once wrote that God made the universe from nothing, and it is not until you become nothing that he can make anything out of you. This weakness of ours can be lived with if we understand the working of the tremendous grace of God.

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