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The Apostle Saint Paul once stated that “in me there dwelleth no good thing”. I’ve often pondered this statement as I know it to be true of myself. As a human it can be so easy to find comfort in one’s own righteousness but it’s words like these that bring us back to reality. This doesn’t mean we hang our heads in shame, day in and day out, bemoaning our sad state. But it serves to keep the focus on the one who really does have righteousness within Himself.

This isn’t a false humility either. It’s a humility that comes from the understanding that our state is fallen and we need help. Paul goes on to clarify that he isn’t capable of doing good. He wants to but his flesh is corrupt and unwilling. Once again, the one who is willing, and able is Christ which produces good in us.

Have a blessed rest of the summer,

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