



UNSHAKEABLE

Romans 8



God Works for Our Good

How His Sovereign Purpose is Our Ultimate Good

Two Stunning Realities of Romans 8

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good...” – Romans 8:28



Confident Assurance

God is constantly talking to God about us! (8:26-27).



Triumphant Endurance

God is constantly working with God for our good! (8:28-29).

Romans 8:28 requires more than casual familiarity.

Head Knowledge

Quoted glibly in times of sorrow.

Easily abandoned when expectations fail.

Unshakable Conviction

A deep, experiential reality.

Sustains triumphant endurance in excruciating circumstances.

What is this knowledge like?

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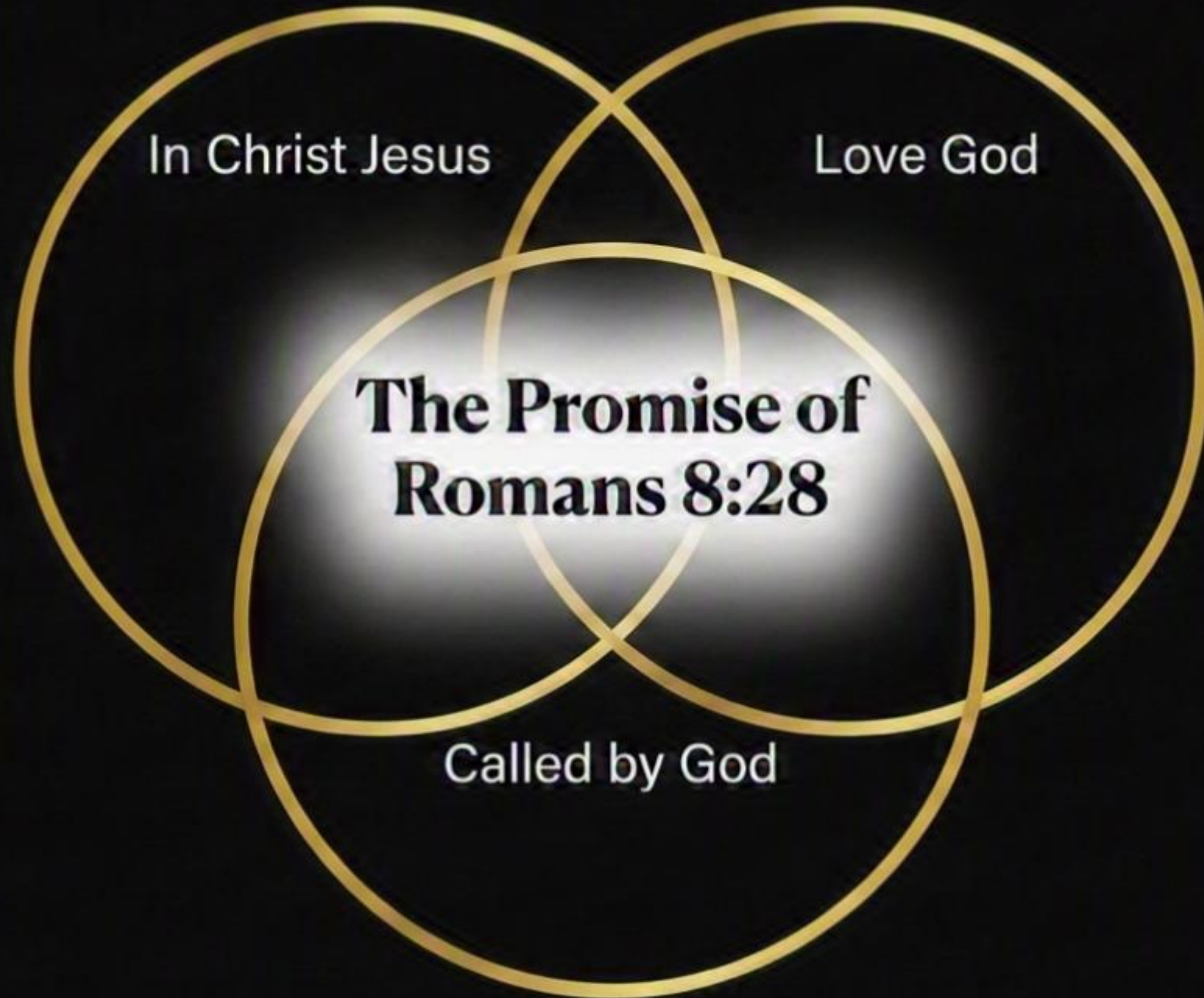


Not a casual theological belief.

A settled conviction observed and proven over time.

An unshakable confidence in what God has revealed.

Who receives this promise?



What keeps us from mature trust?

Unrestrained
Carnality

Spiritual
Immaturity

Sinful
Attractions

Idolatrous
Affections

Who is doing the working?

God the Father

(Sovereignly directing circumstances)

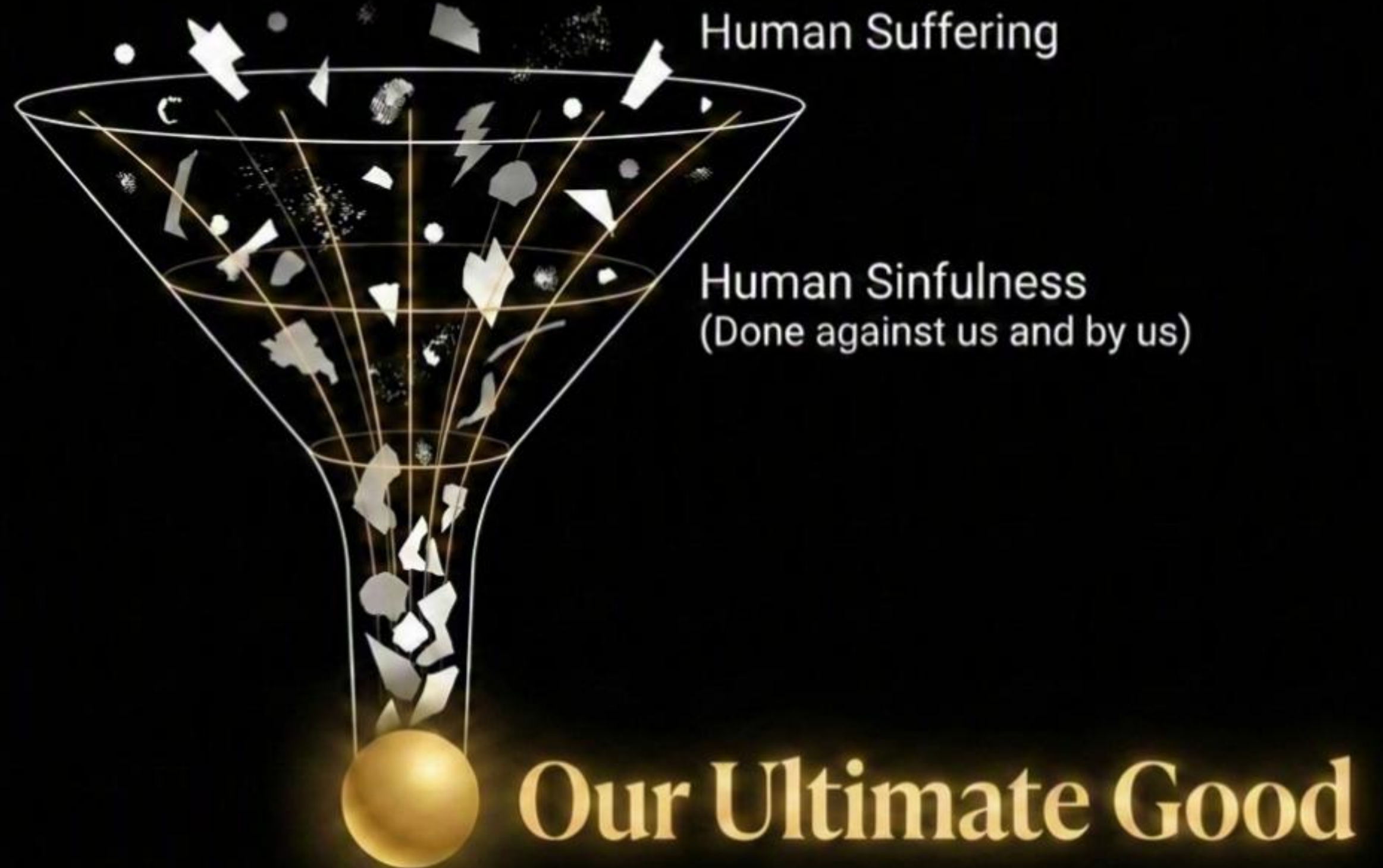


Collaborative Sovereignty

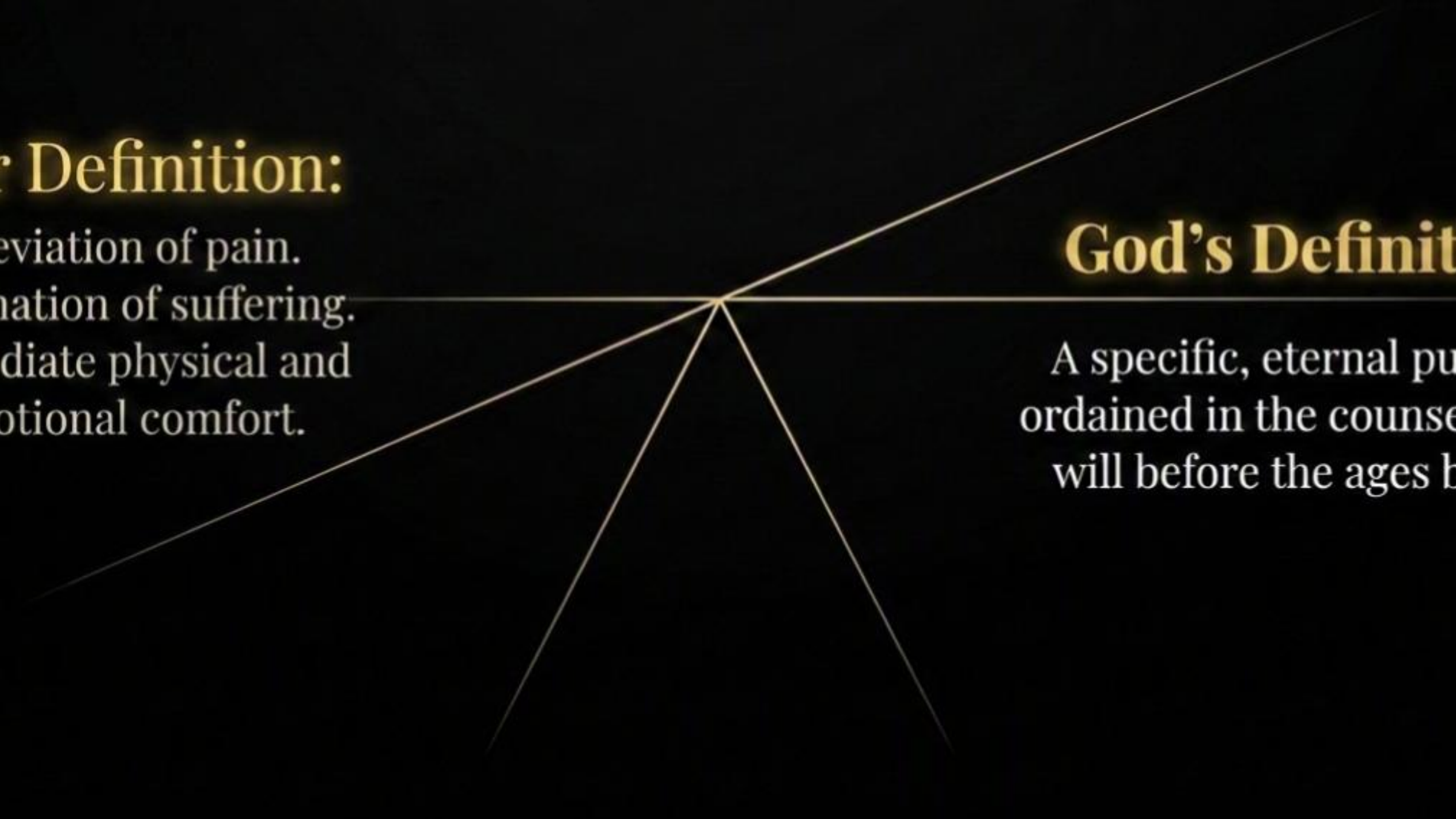
God the Holy Spirit

(Interceding with groanings too deep for words)

What exactly do we know?



Redefining “Good”



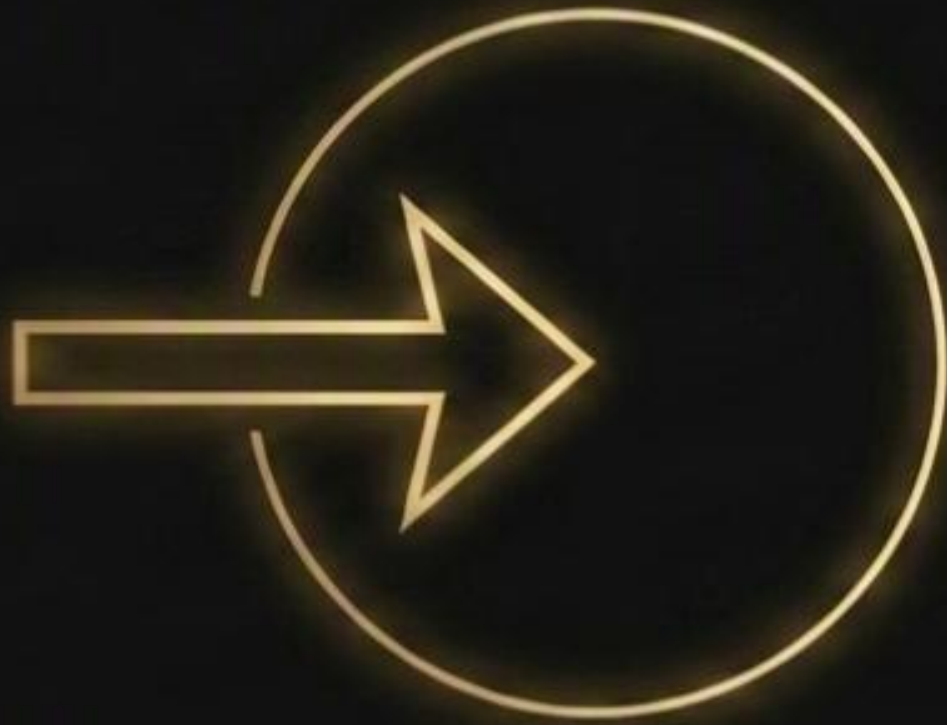
Our Definition:

Alleviation of pain.
Elimination of suffering.
Immediate physical and
emotional comfort.

God's Definition:

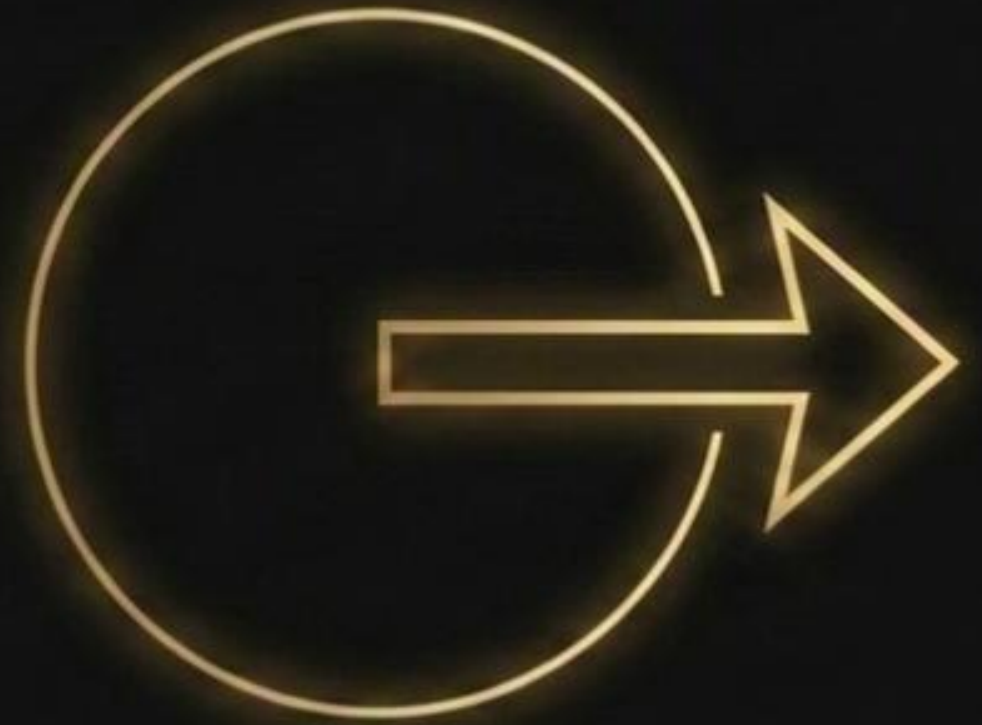
A specific, eternal purpose
ordained in the counsel of His
will before the ages began.

What are God's ultimate purposes?



IN US (Sanctifying)

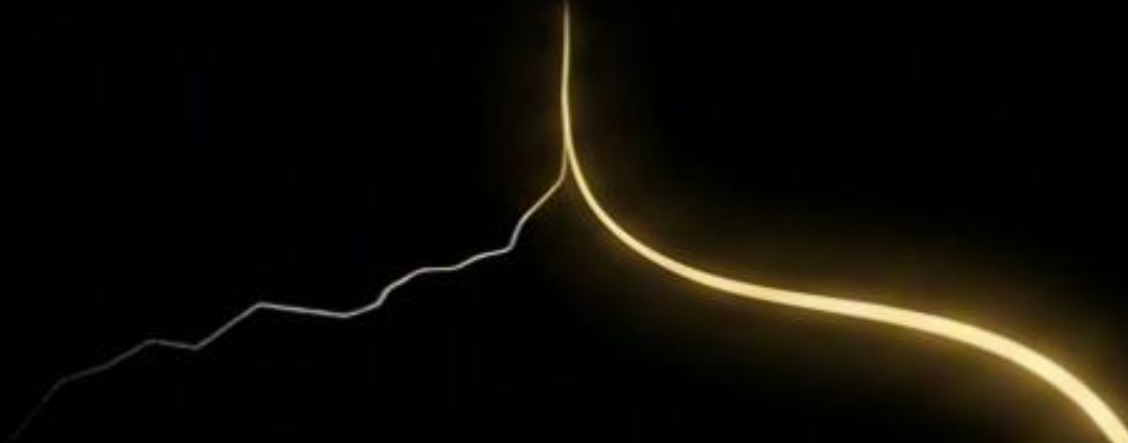
To **conform** us to the image of Christ.
Using affliction to transform our inner character.



THROUGH US (Salvific)

To **bring many** others to glory.
Using **suffering** to ultimately save nations.

Who gets to define what is 'Good' in your life?



Path A: Demand God aligns with your desires.

Path B: Align your life with God's sovereign purpose.

Will you let God define
“the good” in your life?