

fied in the Spirit." "He was declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of Holiness, by the resurrection from the dead," Rom. 1., 4.

And so the children of God in general, who "glory in tribulation also : knowing that tribulation worketh patience ; and patience experience ; and experience hope ;" are justified in thus hoping, for "hope maketh us not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." By thus giving them the comforts of the Spirit, God justifies them in glorying that God is their God, notwithstanding their tribulation ; yea, and is employing this tribulation, to perfect that which concerns them.

Yea, he glorifies them by means of the very sufferings which some regard as badges of shame.

Ver. 30 (last clause), "Whom he justified, them he also glorified."

He has not merely freed them from the surmisings and accusations, that were erroneously grounded on their afflictions ; he has made these afflictions the means of giving increased stability, and heightened lustre, to their character and reputation. He has caused them to be benefited, and honored, and praised, in a high degree, by means of the very things that many suppose to be only badges of shame.

Who has not got a soul to venerate the noble army of martyrs, who stood up, singly, against the tyranny of the world, and unflinchingly contended for liberty to express, and act on, their conscientious convictions, in reference to the faith once delivered to the saints. Even those who meanly choose for themselves a retreat of inglorious ease, under the smiles of worldly prosperity, are so constituted as to reserve their highest admiration, for those who uphold and defend a just or holy cause, even in perilous times, "unawed by power, and undismayed by fear." The trial of their faith is already "found unto praise, and honor, and glory." But this glory will not fade away ; it will continue until the appearing of Jesus Christ, and then be perpetuated for ever by the public plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servant." God has made the sufferings of Job, for instance, the means of magnifying him in the eyes of the world ; so that he is

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