

The desire of the mortal body for regeneration is sympathetically felt by the already regenerate soul.— Ver. 23	22
We regard this future salvation of the body as a thing realized in hope.— Ver. 23	22
Certain hope causes patient waiting.— Ver. 25	23
The Divine Spirit aids our bodily infirmities to sustain the sufferings.— Ver. 26, 27	23
All the sufferings of the present time that affect the children of God are made to work together for good to their souls.— Ver. 28	24
The sufferings that come to them through the innocent infirmities of the body are the most searching and improving tests of character... ..	25
Jesus was made perfect through suffering.....	26
By following his example, his adopted brethren, too, can be made perfect through suffering.....	26
Accordingly, God's guardian love deliberately purposes that his children should attend this perfecting school, and calls them to it.....	28

Text.

This appointment to suffer is expressly and fixedly made by the Divine will, because it is only by being conformed to the image of the Son in suffering, that they could be conformed to his image in the glory that shall follow.— Ver. 29	28
As in the suffering, so in the glory that follows it, Christ is pre-eminent..	29
The arrangements for carrying into effect the Divine will are made and continued by Divine Providence.....	31
These arrangements leave free the human will.....	36
God "calls" them that love him to submit to the appointed sufferings voluntarily and joyfully.— Ver. 30 , (1st clause.).....	36
Having appointed and called them to suffer, God "justifies" them in regarding this call as coming from Divine love, and in exercising accordingly patient and joyful hope in the midst of tribulation — Ver. 30 (2nd clause.)	37
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Succeeding Context.

The same theme runs also through the succeeding context.— Ver. 31	41
By thus employing sufferings, God counteracts the attempts of adversaries, and reverses the results at which they aim.....	41
All this is only what may be naturally expected from such a God as ours— Ver. 32	42
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