## TEXT AND CONTEXT.

Romans, viii. 17-39.

17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ: if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to 19 be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of 20 God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by 21 reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope : Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption, into the 23 creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first-fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the 24 redemption of our body. For we are saved by hope. But hope that is 25 seen is not hope : for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if

we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

- 26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession
- 27 for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of* God.

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are the called according to *his* purpose. For whom he

did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his

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