

[22] For we know that all the creation groans together and agonizes together<sup>1</sup> until the now. [23] And not only, but also ourselves having the first fruit of the spirit, also we ourselves groan<sup>2</sup> in ourselves, eagerly waiting adoption, the redemption of our body.<sup>3</sup> [24] For we were saved in the hope. But, hope seen is not hope. For what someone sees, why does he also hope? [25] And if we hope what we do not see, with perseverance<sup>4</sup> we eagerly wait.

[26] And likewise, the spirit also helps with our weakness, for what we should pray to the extent that is necessary, we do not know. But, the spirit itself intercedes for us with inexpressible groanings. [27] And the one who searches the hearts<sup>5</sup> has known what the thinking of the spirit is, because he intercedes for saints according to God. [28] And we have known that to those who love the God all things work together for good to those who are called according to purpose.

[29] For whom he foreknew,<sup>6</sup> also he predestined to be the same form<sup>7</sup> of the image of his son, unto him being the firstborn<sup>8</sup> among many brethren. [30] And whom he predestined, these also he called.<sup>9</sup> And whom he called, these also he justified. And whom he justified, these also he glorified.<sup>10</sup>

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1 *συνωδίνει* (sunôdinei) “agonizes together”; LEB “suffers agony together”; YLT “doth travail in pain together”; NKJV “labors with birth pangs together” - only found here.

2 E.g. Matthew 5:6; Romans 7:24; Philippians 3:20-21; 1 John 3:1-3.

3 Job 19:26; Psalm 17:15; Isaiah 26:19

4 *ὑπομονῆς* (hupomonês) “perseverance” - same word in James 1:2-3 (vs 3 “patience” NKJV); See Luke 21:19.

5 Proverbs 20:27; 1 Chronicles 28:9; 1 Corinthians 2:10; Revelation 2:23

6 Jeremiah 1:5 (contrast Matthew 7:23); Psalm 139:16

7 *συμμόρφους* (summorphous) “same form” NOG; “conformed” NKJV

8 Firstborn? Christ is both preeminent (Colossians 1:18) and first in eternity, having always been (Hebrews 13:8) “the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” (Revelation 13:8).

9 Matthew 22:1-14//Revelation 19:7-8

10 *ἐδόξασεν* (edoxasen) “glorified” aorist indicative (i.e. past tense). See also Ephesians 2:6; 2 Corinthians 5:1-4.