of mortal sin):

**9.] whom resist** (see  
James iv. 7) **firm in the faith, knowing** (*being aware:* it is an encouragement against  
their giving way under Satan’s attacks, to  
remember that they do not stand alone  
against him; that others are not only  
sharers of their sufferings, but comrades  
in prayer and warfare against Satan) **that  
the very same sufferings are being accomplished** (their full measure attained,  
according to the will of God, and by the  
appointment of God) **in** (with reference to,  
in the case of) **your brotherhood in the  
world** (not said to direct attention to another brotherhood not in the world; but as  
identifying their state with yours: who,  
like yourselves, are in the world, and  
thence have, like yourselves, to expect  
such trials).

**10, 11.]** *Final assurance of God’s help  
and ultimate perfecting of them after and  
by means of these sufferings*.

**10.] But**  
(however you may be able to apprehend the  
consolation which I have last propounded  
to you, one thing is sure: or as Bengel,  
“Do ye only watch, and resist the enemy:  
God will do the rest”) **the God of all  
grace** (who is the Source of all spiritual  
help for every occasion), **who called you**(which was the first proof of His grace  
towards you) **unto** (with a view to; said  
for consolation. He who has begun grace  
with a view to glory, will not cut off grace  
till it be perfected in glory. See 1 Thess.  
ii. 12; 2 Thess. ii. 14) **His eternal glory  
in Christ Jesus** (this, “*in Christ Jesus*”  
belongs to “*called,*” which has since been  
defined by the words following it. Christ  
Jesus is the element in which that calling  
took place), **when ye have suffered a little  
while, shall Himself** (solemn and emphatic: “the Apostle shews that from the  
same Fountain of Grace comes both the  
first call to heavenly glory and the ultimate consummation of this benefit,”  
Gerhard) **perfect [you]** (“that no defect remains in you,” Bengel), **shall  
confirm** (establish you firmly, so “that  
nothing overthrow you,” Bengel), **shall  
strengthen, shall ground [you]** (fix you  
as on a foundation, “that you may conquer all adverse force. A speech worthy  
of *Peter,* the Rock; he is confirming his  
brethren.” See Luke xxii. 32, *Thou, when  
thou hast turned again, strengthen* (the  
same word as here) *thy brethren:* 2 Tim.  
ii. 19). **To Him** (again emphatic: “that  
they might not claim any praise and glory  
to themselves,” Gerhard) **be** (i.e. *be ascribed:* or, as ch. iv. 11, *is,* i.e. is due) **the  
might** (which has been shewn in this perfecting, confirming, strengthening, grounding you, and in all that those words imply  
as their ultimate result,—of victory and  
glory) **to the ages of the ages. Amen.**

**12–14]** CONCLUSION

**12.]** **By Silvanus the faithful brother** (there seems to  
be no reason for distinguishing this Silvanus  
from the companion of St. Paul and Timothy, mentioned in 1 Thess. i. 1; 2 Thess i. 1; 2 Cor. i. 19, and known by the name  
of Silas in the Acts. See further in the  
Introduction), **as I reckon** (indicates the  
Apostle’s judgment concerning Silvanus,  
given, not in any disparagement of him,  
nor indicating that he was not known to  
St. Peter, but as fortifying him, in his  
mission to the churches addressed, with  
the Apostle’s recommendation, over and  
above the acquaintance which the readers