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 unto the gospel of God, \* which AUTHORIZED VERSION.   
 dch.xvi.26. he 4 promised before by his prophets an apostle, separated unto   
 e Lukes in the holy scriptures, 3 © concerning the gospel of God, ? (which   
 £026 his Son, which was born of the he had promised afore by   
 seed of David according to the flesh, his prophets in the holy   
 tactsxitss. 4 which was with power ‘declared scriptures,) concerning   
 to be the Son of God, according to his Son Jesus Christ our   
 calling. In like manner, the Jews were Lord, which was made of   
 the seed of David accord-   
 ing to the flesh ; 4 and de-   
   
   
 new invention, no after-thought,—but   
 God’s people by promise: the Greeks, by was long ago announced in what God’s   
 simple calling. Thus the called apostle prophets wrote concerning His Son :—   
 had a similitude and relation to the called and announced by way of promise, so   
 saints.” Bengel. apostle must not that God stood pledged to its realiza-   
 be taken here in the wider sense, of a mis- tion. ‘Since the charge of bringing in   
 sionary, as in ch. xvi. 7, in its higher novelties was brought against the Gospel,   
 and peculiar meaning, in which the Twelve he shews that it was older the Greeks,   
 bore the title (“whom he also named aud long ago shadowed out in the pro-   
 apostles,” Luke vi. 13), and Paul (and phets.” Chrysostom. 3. concerning   
 perhaps Barnabas), and James the Lord’s his Son] belongs to “which he had pro-   
 brother. This title was not conferred on mised afore,” above,—which he promised   
 Paul by the separation ordered by the beforehand, <c., concerning His Son, i. e.   
 Holy Spirit, Acts xiii. but in virtue of ‘which (good tidings) He promised before-   
 his special call by the Lord in person ; hand, &c., and indicated that it should be   
 compare the expression “a chosen vessel” concerning His Son.’ This is more natural   
 (“a vessel of choice”), Acts ix. 15, with than (as is in the A. V.) to these   
 “ Have not I chosen you twelve?” John words to “the Gospel of God,” which   
 70; also compare John xiii. 18; xv. 16; went before. Either meaning will suit   
 Acts i. 2. “1 cannot agree,” says Calvin, ver. 9 equally well—Christ, the Son of   
 “ with those who refer this word—ecalled— God, is the great subject the good news.   
 to Paul’s personal eternal of God.” which was born] or, became: not, as   
 separated] not as in Acts xi! in A. V., “ was made.” There is nothing in   
 merely, though that was a particular ap- the word indicating creation, however true   
 plication of the general truth :—but (as that may have been: see John i. 14.   
 in Gal. i, 15) “ God, who separated me according to the flesh} On the side of His   
 from my mother’s womb.’ “The same humanity, our Lord became, was born;   
 idea of separation is at the root of the that nature of His begins only then, when   
 word Pharisee: but here Panl signifies He was “made (born) of a woman,” Gal.   
 that he was separated by God, not only iv. 4. flesh is here used exactly as in   
 from among men, from among Jews, from Jchn i. 14, “the word became flesh,” to   
 among the disciples, but even from among signify that whole nature, body, and soul,   
 teachers themselves.” Bengel. unto] of which the outward visible tabernacle   
 i. e. the purpose of announcing. of the FLEsH is the concrete representa-   
 the gospel of God] i.e. the good tidings tion to our senses.—The words of the seed   
 sent by (not concerning) God. The geni- of David cast a hint back at the promise   
 tive is not, as in “the Gospel of the just spoken of. At the same time, in   
 kingdom,” Matt. iv. 23, Mark i. 14, one so solemn an enunciation of the dignity of   
 of apposition, but of possession or origin ; the Son of God, they serve to shew that   
 God’s Gospel. And so, whenever the ex- even according to the human side, His   
 pression ‘the Gospel of Christ’ occurs, it descent had been fixed in the line of him   
 is not ‘the Gospel about Christ,’ but who was Israel’s anointed and greatest   
 Christ’s Gospel; that Gospel which flows king. 4.] The simple antithesis would   
 out of His grace, and is His gift to have been, which was born... according   
 men.—Thus in the very beginning of to the flesh, but was the Son of God ac-   
 the Epistle, these two short words an- cording to the Spirit, see 1 Tim. iti. 16.   
 nounce that the Gospel is ef God,—in But (1) wonderful solemnity is given by   
 other words, that salvation is of grace dropping the particles, taking up sepa-   
 only. 2.) This good tidings is no rately the human and divine nature of