6—10. -ROMANS. 5   
   
 AUTHORIZED VERSION. AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED.   
 through Jesus Christ for) that™your faith is published through- meee. xv.   
 you all, that your faith is   
 spoken of throughout the lout the whole world. 9 For "God "3";   
 whole world. % For God is my witness, whom I serve in my Gal. i,   
 is my witness, whom Iserve| spirit in the gospel of his Son, how Phil.   
 with my spirit in the |   
 of his Son, that without unceasingly I make mention of you   
 ceasing I make mention of |always in my prayers 10 making VOX   
   
   
 11, 14. It is literally, indeed... terrarum.’ The praise would be heard in   
 and the sentence answering to this is every city where there was a Christian   
 found at ver. 13, ‘Ye indeed are pros- church, —intercouse with the metropolis   
 pering in the faith: but I still am anxious of the world being common to all.   
 Surther to advance that fruitfulness.’ 9.] “A pious asseveration, concerning a   
 my God] “See with what skill in the thing necessary to be stated, and unknown.   
 arrangement of terms he gives thanks. to men, especially to those who were   
 For he does not say, ‘to God,’ but to my unknown to the writer, and remote from   
 God: which also the prophets do, appro- him.” Bengel. There could be no other   
 priating to themselves that which is com- witness to his practice in seeret prayers,   
 mon to all. And what wonder, if they but God: and as the assertion of a habit.   
 do? For we see God continually Himself of incessantly praying for the Roman   
 doing the same in speaking of His ser- Christians, whom he had never seen, might   
 vants, calling Himself, with a like appro- seem to savour of an exaggerated expres-   
 priation, the God of Abraham, and Isaac, sion of affection, he solemnly appeals to   
 and Jacob.” Chrysostom. through this only possible testimony. To the Eph.,   
 Jesus Christ] “He offers his sacrifice Phil. (see however Phil. i. Col., Thess.,   
 thanksgiving as through the Great High he gives the same assurance, but without   
 Priest: for he who would offer a sacrifice the asseveration. The thus calling God   
 must know that it must be offered through to witness is no uncommon practice with   
 the hands of the High Priest.” Origen. St. Paul: see references. whom I   
 So also Calvin, “‘ have here an example, serve in my spirit] The serving God in   
 how thanks are to be offered through his spirit was a guarantee that his pro-   
 Christ, according to the apostolic precept, fession was sincere, and that the oath just   
 Heb. xiii. 15.” Olshausen says, “This is taken was no mere form, but a solemn and   
 no mere phrase, but a true expression of earnest appeal of his spirit. See also Phil.   
 the deepest conviction. For only by the iii, 3, and John iv. 24. “The Apostle   
 Spirit of Christ dwelling in men’s hearts means that he is an intelligent true priest.   
 are thanksgivings and prayer acceptable to of his God, not in the temple, but in his   
 God.” But perhaps here it is better to spirit,—not at the altar, but in the gos-   
 take the words as expressing an acknow- pel of His Son.” Umbreit. in the   
 ledgment that the faith of the Romans, gospel] “The addition of these words   
 for which thanks were given, was due to shews the kind of his service.” Chrysos-   
 and rested on the Lord Jesus Christ: see tom. His peculiar method of service was   
 ch. vii. 25, and the rendering there. concerned with the gospel of the Son of   
 your faith] “In congratulations of this God. “Some take this addition, as if   
 kind Panl sometimes describes the whole Paul wished to commend his service of   
 Christian character, Col. i. 3 ff., some God on account of its agreement with the   
 portion of it, 1 Cor. i.5. And thus here commands of the Gospel, seeing that a   
 he celebrates their faith, agreeably to his service of God in the spirit is prescribed   
 design, verses 12, 17.” Bengel. to us in the Gospel. But the other inter-   
 published] De Wette notices the other pretation is far more agreeable to the   
 side of the report, given by the Jews at sense, viz. that he renders his service to   
 Rome, Acts xxviii. 22, to Paul himself. God in the preaching of the Gospel.”   
 This praise was in the Christian churches, Calvin. See the use of the word “ Gos-   
 and brought by Christian brethren. pel,” Phil. iv. how unceasingly ]   
 throughout the whole world] A popular The words thus rendered may also mean,   
 hyperbole, common every where, and es- “that without ceasing.” The rendering   
 pecially when speaking of general diffusion in the text seems the better of the two.   
 through the Roman empire, the ‘orbis The whole phrase is a favourite one with