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 blish you Paccording to my gospel power to stablish you ac-   
 beh.if. and the preaching of Jesus Christ, cording to my gospel, and   
 ©aceording to the revelation of the the preaching of Jesus,   
 mystery, ‘which hath been kept in Christ, according to the   
 revelation of the mystery,   
 which was kept secret since   
 “silence during eternal ages, °6 but the world began, 6 but now   
 ‘now is made manifest, and by the is made manifest, and by   
 scriptures of the prophets, according the scriptures of the pro-   
 to the commandment of the eternal phets, according to the   
 God, is made known to all the commandment of the ever-   
 nations unto ‘obedience of faith: lasting God, made known   
 to all nations for the obe-   
 £78to the only wise God through dience of faith: 77 to God   
 Jesus Christ; to whom be the glory only wise, be glory through   
 Jesus Christ for ever.   
 for ever. Amen. Amen.   
 ‘imple, and perspicuous in construction. .   
 xereas this is involved, and rhetorical. stablish you,” nor as belonging to “ him   
 This objection however is completely an- that is able,” which would be an unusual   
 swered by the supposition that the doxology limitation of the divine Power,—but as   
 was the cflusion of the fervent mind of the subordinate to what has gone immediately   
 Apostle, on tuking a general survey of the before,—the preaching of Jesus Christ   
 Epistle. We find in its diction striking according to, &c. the mystery] The   
 sinr jes to of the pastoral Epistles : mystery (sec ch. xi. note) of the Gos-   
 a phenomenon occurring in several places pel is often said to been thus hidden   
 where St. Paul writes in a fervid and im- From eternity in the counsels of God—see   
 passioned inanner,—also where he writes Eph. iii. 9; Col. i. 26; 2 Tim. i. 9; Tit.   
 with his own hand. ‘That the doxology is i, 2; 1 Pet. i. Rev. xiii. 8.   
 made up of unusual expressions taken trom 26.] Sce ch. i. 2. The prophetic writings   
 Puul’s other writings, that it is difficult were the storehouse out of which the   
 and involved, are facts, which if rightly preachers of the gospel took their demon-   
 argued from, would substantiate, not its strations that Jesus was the Chri see   
 interpolation, but its genuineness: seeing Acts xviii. 28; more especially, is true,   
 that an interpolator would have taken care to the Jews, who however are here in-   
 to conform it to the character of the cluded among all the nations. ace   
 Epistle in which it stands, and to have left cording to the commandment] may refer   
 in it no irregularity which would bring it either to the prophetic writings beng   
 into question. drawn up by the command of God,—or to   
 The construction is exceedingly difficult the manifestation of the mystery by the   
 but the reader must he referred to the preachers of the gospel thus taking place.   
 notes on the Greek Test. in order to ap- The latter seems best to suit the sense.   
 preciate its difficulty. In an English ver- eternal refers back to eternal ages   
 sion we are obliged to adopt one hypothesis before. The word is the same in the ori-   
 or other as to the construction, and thus ginal, and should have been kept scru-   
 translate more plainly than the literal pulously the same in the English, not, as   
 rendering would warrant 25.) ac- here and in Matt. xxii. 46, rendered by two   
 cording to, i.e. in reference to, ‘in sub- different English terms. 27.) The   
 ordination to,’ and according to the re- words through Jesus Christ must, by the   
 quirements of. the preaching of requirements of the construction, be ap-   
 Jesus Christ can hardly mean, ‘the preach- plied to the only wise God, and not (as in   
 ing which Jesus Christ hath accomplished the A. V.) to glory. It must be rendered   
 by me’ (ch. xv. 18)—but the preaching to the only wise God through Jesus Christ,   
 of Christ, 1.e. making known of Christ, as i.e, Him who is revealed to us by Christ   
 the verh is used 1 Cor. i. 23; xv. 12, and as such.—The to whom cannot without.   
 in many other places. according to great harshness be referred to Christ,   
 the revelation] This second according to seeing that the words to the only wise   
 is best taken, not as co-ordinate to the God resume the chief subject of the sen-   
 former one, and following the verb “to tence, and to them the relative prononn   
 must apply.