20—24, I. CORINTHIANS.   
   
 AUTHORIZED VERSION. AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED.   
 man in his own order:)in his own order:   
 Christ the firstfruits ; the firstfruits   
 afterward they that are Christ; afterward they that are   
 Christ's at his coming.|Christ’s, at his coming. 2 Then   
 24 Then cometh the end, (cometh] the end, when he ¢deliver- apan.vii.14,   
 when he shall have de- eth up the kingdom to God and the   
 livered up the kingdom to Father: when he shall have done   
 God, even the Father; away all rule and all authority and   
 when he shall have put   
 down all rule and all au-   
   
   
 The three ranks are mentioned in order of coming of Christ : nor exaetly the King-   
 priority, but this does not constitute their dom of Christ, as Grotius and Billroth:   
 i istinctive character: Christ is the firs¢- but generally Tne Env, when all shall be   
 JSruits—this is His own rank, see 18:— accomplished, the bringing in and fulness of   
 they that are Christ’s at His coming, the kingdom by the subjugation of the last   
 who are the dump (as understood by the enemy, the whole course of the mediatorial   
 context, and implied by the term jfirs¢- work of Christ, the salvation of the elect;   
 Jruits), in the proper and worthiest sense, the time indicated by Matt. xxv. ult.:   
 made like unto Him and partaking of His when he (Christ) delivereth up (the pre-   
 glory ; then (after long or how short a sent tense is for that which is certainly   
 time is not declared, and seems to have attached to the event as its accompani-   
 formed no part of the revelations to St. ment. When is literally whenever, indi-   
 Paul, but was afterwards revealed,—see cating the uncertainty of the time when)   
 Rey. xx. 4—6: compare also 1 Thess. the kingdom to God and the Father, i.e.,   
 15—17) shall come THE END, viz. the re- to him who is God and His Father.—Then   
 surrection of the rest of the dead, here the rest of the section as far as ver. is   
 yeiled over by the general term, the end, in explanation of the giving up the king-   
 —that resurrection not being in this argu- dom. And it rests this weighty verity :   
 ment specially treated, but only that of THE KINGDOM oF CuRIsT over this world,   
 Christians. The sey to the understanding in its beginning, its furtherance, and its   
 of this passage is to be found in the pro- completion, has one great end,—THE GLO-   
 phecy of our Lord, Matt. xxiv. xxv., RIFICATION OF THE FATHER BY THE   
 especially in the latter chapter. The re- Soy. Therefore, when it shall be fully   
 surrection and judgment of them that are established, every enemy overcome, every   
 Christ’s forming the subject of vv. 1—30 thing subjected to Him, He will,—not,   
 there, and the end,—the great final reign over it and abide its King, nur   
 ing’ of all nations, of vv.31—46. DELIVER IT UP TO THE FaruER. Hence,   
 the firstfruits, therefore necessarily the as in ver. 25, His reign will endure,   
 Jirst rank: and hence the word stands not like that of earthly kings, wnen Hx   
 first. they that are Christ’s] Thesamo shall have put all enemies under His feet,   
 as “the dead in Christ,? 1 ‘Th . 16, but only trxb He shall have, &¢.,—and   
 No mention occurs here of any judgment then will be absorbed in the all-pervading   
 of these his own servants, as in Matt. xxv., majesty of Him for whose glory it was   
 for it does not belong to the present sub- from first to last onward. It may   
 ject. at his coming] Literally, “in be observed (1) that the whole of this   
 his coming,” as forming part of, involved respects the mediatorial work and king-   
 in, His appearing,—which, as the great dom: the work of redemption, and that   
 event of the time, includes their resurree- Lordship over dead and living, for   
 tion in it. It ought to be needless to re- Christ both died and rose. Consequently   
 mind the student of the distinction nothing is here said which can affect   
 this “coming of Christ” and the final either (1) His co-equality and co-eternity   
 judgment: it is here peculiarly important with the Father in the Godhead, which is   
 to bear it in mind. 24. Then] next in prior to and independent of this   
 succession, introducing the third rank,— work, and is not limited to the mediatorial   
 seeabove. the end] the end of all: not kingdom: or (2) the eternity of His   
 the end of the resurrection, as some :—nor, Humanity: for that Humanity ever was   
 of this present world, as Chrysostom and and is subordinate to the Father; and it   
 others,—which properly happens at the by no means follows that when the media+