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 AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED. AUTHORIZED VERSION.   
 III. 1+ Are we beginning again IID, ' Do we begin again   
 ach. v.12. x, recommend ourselves? or need to commend ourselves? or   
 8,12. xii.11. need we, as some others,   
 bactsavii. we, as some others, epistles of re- epistles of commendation   
 commendation to you, or from you? to you, or letters of com-   
 e1Corix.2. 2¢Ye are our epistle written in our mendation from you? ? Ye   
 are our epistle written in   
 hearts, known and read of all men: our hearts, known and read   
 3 being manifestly shewn to be an of all men ; 3 forasmuch as   
 epistle of Christ ¢ ministered by us, ye are manifestly declared   
 d1 Cor. 5. written not with ink, but with the to be the epistle of Christ   
 Spirit of the living God; not \*on ministered by us, written   
 e Exod. Jer. tables of stone, but fon fleshy tables, not with ink, but with the   
 &xxxiv. 4 Such confidence Spirit of the living God ;   
 not in tables of stone, but   
 i. 19, {your] t+ hearts. in fleshy tables the heart.   
 Ro 4 And such trust have we   
 Soli our moat MSS.   
   
 speak before God (with a consciousness of to the twelve jewels with the   
 His presence) in Christ (not ‘in the name names of the tribes borne on the breast-   
 of Christ, nor ‘concerning Christ? nor plate of the High Priest, Exod. xxviii. 21.   
 “according to Christ :’ but as usual, in ‘The plural seems to be used, as so often   
 Christ; as united to Him, and members of this Epistle,—see e. g. ch. vii. 3, 5,—of   
 His body, and employed in His work). Pan! himself only), known and read by all   
 Cn. 1. 1—V1. 10.) Beeinnine with men (beeause all men are aware, what issue   
 NG\_OF SELF-RECOMMENDATION, my work among you has had, and receive   
 EB PROCEEDS TO SPEAK CON- me the more favourably on account of it.   
 CERNING HIS APOSTOLIC OFFICE AND HIM- But ‘all\_men’ includes the Corinthians   
 SELF AS THE HOLDER OF IT, HIS FEEL- themselves; his success among them was his   
 INGS, SUFFERINGS, AND HOPES, PARTLY letter of recommendation fo them as well   
 WITH REGARD TO HIS CONNEXION WITH as to others from them): 3.] literally,   
 THE CORINTHIANS, BT FOR THE MOST manifested to be (that ye are) an epistle   
 PART IN GENERAL TERMS. 1—3.] of Christ (i.e. written by Christ,—not, a3   
 He disclaims a spirit of self-recommenda- Chrys., al., Christ :—He is the   
 lion. 1.] Are we beginning again ? Recommender of us, the Head of the   
 alluding to a charge probably made against church and sender of us His ministers)   
 him of having done this in his former epis- which was ministered by us (i.e. carried   
 tle; perhaps in its opening section, and about, served in the way of ministration   
 in some passages of chs. v.ix., in ch, by us as its bearers,—not, as some explain   
 xiv, 18; xv. 10 al.—See 2 Cor. x. 18. it, written by us as amanuenses: see he-   
 or need we (literally, “or, perhaps we low), having been inscribed, with ink,   
 need ;? which gives an ironical turn to the but with the Spirit of the living God (so   
 question), as some (so 1 Cor. iv. 18; the tables of the law were “written with   
 xv. 12; Gal. i. he speaks of teachers the finger of God,” Exod. xxxi. 18); not   
 who opposed him, as “some.” Probably on stone tables (as the old law, but on   
 these persons had come recommended to (your) hearts, (which are) tables of flesh.   
 them, by evkom does not appear, whether The apparent change in the figure in this   
 by churches or Apostles, but most likely by verse requires explanation. The Corin-   
 the former, and on their departure re- thians are his Epistle of recommendation,   
 quested similar\_recommendutions-from the both to themselves and others; an Epistle,   
 Corinthian church to others), epistles of written by Christ, ministered by St. Paul;   
 recommendation to you, or from you? the Epistle itself being now the subject,   
 2.) Ye are our epistle (of \_com- viz. the Corinthians, themselves the writing   
 mendation) written on our hearts (not of Christ, inscribed, not on tables of   
 horne\_in our hands to be shewn, but en- but on hearts, tables flesh. The Epistle   
 graven, in the consciousness of our work itself, written worn on St. Paul’s heart,   
 among you, on our hearts. ‘There hardly and there known and read by all men, con-   
 can be any allusion, Olshausen thinks, sisted of the Corinthian converts, on whose