3—8. II. CORINTHIANS. 273   
   
 AUTHORIZED VERSION. AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED.   
 wrought us unto this very thing is   
 he that hath wrought us God, who +f gave unto us the earnest tas is   
 for the selfsame thing is of the Spirit. omitted   
 God, who also hath given confident, and knowing that, alwe ays \* all oldest   
 unto us the earnest of the lwe are in our home in the body, patto   
 Spirit. © Therefore we are we are away from our home in the 4.   
 always confident, knowing | 7 (for we walk by faith, not # Rom, 30.   
 that, whilst we are at home by appearance,) § we are still con-   
 in the body, we are absent fident, and ™well content rather to bihiiies.   
 from the Lord: 7 (for we | Lord, our home in the body, and   
 walk by faith, by sight :) come to our home with the Lord.   
 8 we are confident, I say,   
 and willing rather to be   
 absent from the body, and   
 tobe present with the Lord.   
   
   
 divest ourselves (of it), to put on (that. ich the preparation, by grace, of   
 other) over it, that our mortal part may arried on, and to which the   
 (not, die, but) be swallowed up by life (ab- earnest of the Spirit points forward,   
 sorbed in and transmuted by that glorious 6—8.} He returns to the confidence ex-   
 principle of life which our new elothi ng pressed in ver.1; that however this may   
 shall superinduee upon us).—The feeling be, whether this wish is to be fulfilled or   
 expressed in these verses was one most not, he is prepared to accept the alterna-   
 natural to those who, as the Apostles, re- tive of being denuded of the body, seeing   
 garded the eoming of the Lord as near, that it will bring with it a translation to   
 and conceived the ‘possibility their living the presence of the Lord.—Being confident   
 to behold it. It was no terror of death as then (beeause it is express purpose to   
 to its consequences—but a natural relne- bring us to glory, as in last always   
 tance to undergo the mere act of death as (either under all trials or, always whether   
 such, when it was within possibility that this hope of investiture over the mortal   
 this mortal body might be superseded body, or the fear of the other alternative,   
 by the immortal one, without it. be before us,—which latter I prefer), and   
 5.] This great end, the having the mortal knowing (not as the ground of our confi-   
 part swallowed up by life, is justified dence, Wut correlative with it, and the   
 the object of the Apostle’s fervent wish, ground of the expresset below),   
 seeing that it is for very end, that this that whilst in our home in the body, we   
 may ultimately be aceomplished, that God are absent from our home in the Lord (the   
 has wrought us (see below) and given us similitude of the body as our dwelling   
 the pledge of the Spirit ;— But (and this my ill kept up: see similar sentiments   
 wish has reason: for) He which wrought g our being wanderers and stran-   
 us (prepared us, by redemption, justifi s from our heavenly home while dwell-   
 tion, sanctification, are the qué ing in the body, Phil. iii. 20; Heb. xi.   
 tions for glory) unto this very purpose 13; xiii. 14), for (proof of our absence   
 (viz. that last mentioned—Aaving the From our home in the Lord) we walk (the   
 mortal part swallowed up by life—not the usual figurative sense, ‘go gn our Christian   
 investing ourselves with the body from course,’ — not literal, as of pilgrims) by   
 hoaven, a mere aeeident of that glorious means of faith, not by means of appear-   
 absorption: see below) is God, who gave ance (not “sight,” as rendered in A. V.   
 unto us (a sign that our SecqeanacarTy of and by many Commentators (the substan-   
 Him) the earnest (see ch. i. and note) of tive eannot possibly have this meaning)   
 (gen. of apposition) the Holy Spirit.—The —i.e. ‘faith, not the actual appearance of   
 Apostle, in this verse, is longer treating heavenly things themselves, is the means   
 exclusively of his own wish for the more whereby we hold on our way,’ a sure sign   
 summary swallowing up of the mortal by that we are absent from those heavenly   
 the glorified, but is shewing that the end things), still (the last elanse seeming to   
 ttself, which he individually, or common have somewhat dashed that confidence)   
 with others then living, aceomplished. we are confident, and are well content   
 in this partieular form of investiture, is, rather to go from (out of) our home in   
 under whatever form brought about, that the body, and come to our home with the   
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