THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE   
   
   
 TO THE   
   
   
 EPHESIANS.   
   
   
   
   
   
 AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED. AUTHORIZED VERSION.   
 I. 1 Paz, an apostle of Jesus I.1 PAUL, an apostle   
 a2Cor. il, Christ \*through the will of God of Jesus Christ by the will   
 bom. 1.7. >to the saints which are t [in| ? | God, Ephesus, and to the   
 Cor. iste faithful   
 + The in Ephesus], and 24Grace be unto you, [faithful in Christ Jesus:   
 Ephesus are and : peace, from God our Father, [from the Lord Jesus Christ.   
 ancient mot Christ Jesus : [from God our Father, and   
 See Intro-   
 eicoriv.i7, and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3° Blessed |\* Blessed be the God and   
 Col. i. aGal.i.3, Titi 4, e2Cori.3, 1 Pet. 8   
   
 Cuap. I. 1, 2.] ADDRESS AND GREET- Paul. See the regular order in Col. i. 2.   
 ING. 1. through the will of God] in Ghrist Jesus belongs only to the   
 See on 1 Cor.i.1, As these words there faithful: see Col. i. 2: faithful, i.e. be-   
 have a special reference, and the corre- lievers (persons who are), in Christ Jesus.   
 sponding ones in Gal. i. 1 so it is This, in its highest sense, not mere truth,   
 ral to suppose that here he has in his or faithfulness, is imported. The saints   
 hardly perhaps the especial subject of vv. and faithful denote their spiritual life   
 3—11, the will of the Father as the ground its two sides—that of God who calls and   
 of the election of the but, which is sanctifies, of themselves who believe.   
 more likely in a general introduction to Stier remarks that hy the specification,   
 the whole Epistle, the great subject of “faithful in Christ Jesus,’ “saints” gets   
 which he is about to treat, himself as its only full and New Test. meaning. He   
 the authorized expositor of it. to the also notices in these expressions already a   
 saints which are in Ephesus] On this, and trace of the two great divisions the Epis-   
 on Ephesus, see Introduction. If the words tle—God’s grace towards us, and our faith   
 “in Ephesus” are omitted, the sentence towards Him, 2.] On the form of   
 must be read to the saints, who are also greeting, compare Rom. i. 7; 1 Cor. i. 35   
 faithful in Christ Jesus. The word saints 2 Cor. i. Gal. i. 8,   
 is used here in its widest sense, as desig- 38—III. 21.) FIRST PORTION OF   
 nating the members of Christ’s visible THE EPISTLE: THE DOCTRINE OF   
 church, presumed to fulfil conditions THE CHURCH OF CHRIST. And   
 of that membership: see especially ch. 3. herein, I. 3—23.] Grounp AND ORIGIN   
 ‘These words follow rather unusually, sepa- OF THE CHURCH, IN THE FaTHER’s COUN-   
 rated from the saints by the designation of SEL, aND His act 1N Cnrist, BY THE   
 abode: a cireumstance which might seem Sprrir. And herein again, (A) the preli-   
 to strengthen the suspicion against the minary IDEA OF THE CHURCH, set forth   
 words “tn Ephesus,” were not such trans- in the form of an ascription of praise wv.   
 positions by no means unexampled in St. 3—14:—thus arranged :—vv. 3—6] The