I. 1—4. EPHESIANS, 363   
   
 AUTHORIZED VERSION. AUTIORIZED VERSION REVISED,   
   
 Father of our Lord Jesus be the God and Father of our Lord   
 Christ, who hath blessed Jesus Christ, who blessed us in all   
 us with all spiritual bless- spiritual blessing in ‘the heavenly tver   
 ings in heavenly places in places in Christ: “ even as he & chose   
 Christ : \* according as he us in him before the foundation of   
 hath chosen us in him be- 4,9, Jame:   
 1.5, 1 Pet.i. ii.9, h1 Pet. 20.   
 richness and fulness of blessing: ..   
 23 note) spiritual blessing (i.e. blessing   
 FATHER, in His eternal Love, has chosen of the Spirit: as we sometimes understand   
 us to holiness (ver. 4),—ordained us to Spiritual, not merely, ‘inward blessing?   
 sonship (ver. 5),—bestowed grace on us the word in the New Test. always im-   
 in the Beloved (ver. 6):—vv. 7—12] In plies the working of the Holy Spirit,   
 the Son, we have,—redemption according never bearing merely our modern inaccurate   
 to the riches of His grace (ver. 7), know- sense of spiritual opposed to bodily. See   
 ledge of the mystery of His will (vv. 8, 1 Cor. ix. which has been thus misunder-   
 9),—inheritance under Him the one Head stood) in the heavenly places (so the ex-   
 (vv. 10—12):—vy. 18, 14] through the pression, which occurs five times in this   
 Sprrir we are sealed,—by hearing the Epistle, and nowhere else, can only mean ;   
 word of salvation (ver. 13),—by receiving see ver. 20. It is not probable that St.   
 the earnest of our inheritance (ver. 14),— Paul should have chosen an unusual ex-   
 to the redemption of the purchased pos- pression for the purposes of this Epistle,   
 session (ib.). 8.] Blessed (see note and then used it in several different   
 on Rom. ix, 5: and a similar doxology, But what is the sense? Our country,   
 2 Cor. i. 3. Almost all St. Paul’s Epistles place of citizenship, is heaven, Phil. iii.   
 begin with some ascription of praise. That 20: there our High Priest stands, blessing   
 to Titus is the only exception [not Gal.: us. There are our treasures, Matt. vi. 20,   
 see Gal. i. 5]. See also 1 Pet. i. be the 21, and our affections to be, Col. 1 ff.   
 God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ there our hope is laid up, Col. 5: our in-   
 (see Rom. xv. 6; 2 Cor. i. 3; xi. 31; Col. heritance is reserved for us, 1 Pet. i. 4.   
 i. 3—also 1 Cor. xv. 24, Such is the sim- And there, in that place, belonging to   
 plest and most foreible sense of the words that state, is the blessing, gift of th   
 —Theophylact says, “God and Father of Spirit, Heb. vi. 4, out on those wh   
 one and the same Christ: God, as of Christ mind the things above. Materially, we a:   
 in the flesh; Father, as of God the Word.” yet in the body: but in the Spirit, we are   
 See John xx. 17, from which saying of in heaven—only waiting for the redemption   
 our Lord it is improbable that the ex- of the body to be entirely and literally   
 pression took its rise), blessed (not, as there) in Christ (“the threefold in after   
 A. V., ‘hath blessed :’ the historical in ‘who blessed,’ a meaning ever deeper   
 the counsels of the Father being thought and more precise: and should therefore be   
 of throughout the sentence. “ Blessed” — kept in translating. The blessing with   
 «who blessed” —“ blessing” —such was the which God has blessed us, consists and ex-   
 ground-tone of the new covenant. As in pands itself—in all blessing of the   
 creation God blessed them, saying, “Be then brings in Heaven, the heavenly statein   
 fruitful and multiply,”—so in redemption, us, and us in it—then finally, Curist, per-   
 —at the introduction of the covenant, “All sonally, He Himself, who is set and exalted   
 families of the earth shall be BLESSED,”— into Heaven, comes by the Spirit down into   
 at its completion,—“ Come ye BLESSED of us, so that He is in us and we in Him of   
 my Father.’—But God’s blessing is in a truth, and thereby, and in so far, we   
 facts—ours in words only) us (whom ? not are with Him in heaven.” Stier):   
 the Apostle only: nor St. Paul and his 4.] even as (this explains and expands the   
 fellow-Apostles :—but, ALL CaRISTIANS— foregoing—shewing wherein the Blessing   
 all the members of Christ. The “ye also” consists as regards us, and God’s working   
 of ver. 13 perfectly agrees with this: see towards us. Notice, that whereas ver. 3   
 there: but the “Z also” of ver. 15 does hhas summarily included in the work of   
 not agree with the other views) in (better blessing the Three Persons, the Farner   
 than “with :” see below : it instrumental bestowing the Srrrir in Curist,—now   
 or medial: the element in which, and the threefold cord, so to speak, is un-   
 means by which, the blessing is imparted)   
 all (i.e. possible—all, exhaustive, in all