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 the world, that we should ‘be holy |fore the foundation of the   
 i Luke 75. and blameless before him in love:   
 \* ch, y \* foreordained world, that we should be   
 Col, adoption through Jesus Christ unto holy and without unto the   
 Tek,   
 it. ii, :   
 2, 5 having adoption of children by Je+   
 Rom. viii.   
 wrapped, and the part of each divine note) in love (against the joining these last   
 Person 12. described: see the argu- words with the following verse, “ Having   
 ment above) He chose us (selected, rather foreordained us in love, &e.,” see Greek   
 than elected, it is 1 choosing out of the Test. The qualification, as existing, is   
 world, and for Himself. The word is an the highest degree solemn and appropriate.   
 Old Test. word, and refers to the spiritual Love, that which man lost at the Fall, but   
 Isracl, as it did to God’s elect Israel of which God is, and to which God restores   
 old. But there is no contrast between man by redemption, is the great element.   
 their election and ours: it has been but in which, as in their abode and breathing-   
 one election throughout—an election in place, all Christian graces subsist, and in   
 Christ, and to God’s side—and in- which, emphatically, all perfection before   
 volving accession to people on ours) God must be found, And so, when the   
 Him (i.e. in Christ, as the second Adam Apostle, ch. iv. 16, is the glo-   
 {2 Cor. xv. 22], the righteous Head of our rious building up of the body, the Church,   
 race. In Him, in one wide sense, were he speaks of its increasing “to the building   
 all mankind elected, inasmuch as He took up of itself in Love.” And it is prac-   
 their flesh and blood, and redeemed them, tice in this and the parallel to add   
 and represents them before the Father: “in love” as the completion of the idea of   
 but in the proper and final sense, this Christian holiness—see ch. iii. Col. ii.   
 be said only of His faitnful ones, His 2, also ch. iv. v. 2): 5.) having   
 Church, who are incorporated in Him by foreordained (predestined) us (subordinate   
 the Spirit. But in any sense, all God’s to the act of choosing mentioned above:   
 election is H1at only) before the founda- see Rom. viii. 29, where, the steps are   
 tion of the world (this expression occurs thus laid down in succession ;—“eohom He   
 only here in St. Paul. Stier remarks on Soreknew, them He also predestined—   
 the necessary conuexion of the true doc- whom He predestined, those He also   
 trines of creation and redemption: how ealled.” Now the choosing must answer   
 utterly irreconcileable Pantheisin is with in this rank to the foreknowing, and pre-   
 this, God’s election, laying the foun- cede the preordaining. Stier remarks well,   
 dation of the world, of His people in His “Tn God, indeed, all is one; but for our   
 Son), that we should be (the Apostle human way of speaking and treating, which   
 seems to have Deut. vii. 6; xiv. before is necessary to us, follows on His first   
 his mind; in both which places the same decree to adopt and to sanctify, the   
 sentiment, and form of sentence, occurs) decision, how and by what this shall be   
 holy and blameless (the positive and nega- brought about, because it could only thus   
 tive sides of Christian character. This be brought about”) unto adoption (so that   
 holiness and unblameableness must not be we should become His sons, in the blessed   
 understood of that justification faith by sense of being reconciled to Him and   
 which the sinner stands accepted before having a place in His spiritual family,—   
 God: it is distinctly put forth here [see should have the remission of our sins, the   
 also ch. v, 27] as an ultimate result pledge of the Spirit, the assurance of the   
 as regards us, and\_refers to that \_sanctifi- inheritance) through Jesus Christ (tux Son   
 faith, and which is fhe will oi re- of God, in and by whom, elementally and   
 specting us, 1 Thess. iv. 7) before Him instrumentally, our adoption consists ;   
 (i.e. in the deepest verity of our being— pare Rom. viii. unto Him (the Father:   
 thoroughly penetrated by the Spirit of see Col. i. For the Son could not be   
 holiness, bearing His searching eye, ch. v. in this sentence the last term [the whole   
 27: but at the same time implying an reference being to the work and purpose of   
 especial nearness to His presence and dear- the Father]. The question what is the   
 ness to Him—and bearing a foretaste of meaning of this “unto Him,” is best an-   
 the time when the elect shall be before swered by observing the general drift of   
 throne of God, Rev. vii.15. See Col. i. the sentence. It seems evident that it   
 must follow on the word “ adoption,” and