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 eRomis.e heard of ‘the dispensation of the} dispensation of the grace   
 ive é grace of God ¢ which was given me of God which is given me   
 a : to you-ward : \* how that by   
 “item to you-ward: 8 that fby revelation |;evelation he made known   
 ee twas &the mystery made known |unto me the mystery; (as   
 unto me; "as I wrote afore in few Iwrote aforein few words,   
 words, whereby, when ye read, ye|may whereby, when ye read, ye   
 + 80 all can perceive my understanding ‘in|/edge in the mystery of   
 oldest   
 thorities. the mystery of Christ ; 5 \* which in Christ) % which in other   
 Rom, xvi. other generations was not made|unto the sons of men, as it   
 Col known unto the sons of men,!as it}# mow revealed unto his   
 holy apostles and prophets   
 hath now been revealed unto his by the Spirit; © that the   
 holy apostles and prophets in the   
 fi Spirit; ®that the Gentiles ™are   
   
   
 the definite article is rather generic, or (viz. by that which I wrote: not the fact   
 demonstrative, than emphatic) of Christ of my having written briefly; as some)   
 (Jesus] in behalf of you Gentiles (see ye can, while reading, perceive my un-   
 ver. 18, where this is The matter derstanding in the mystery of Christ (by   
 of fact was so:—his preaching to Gentiles comparing Col. i. 27, it will clearly ap-   
 aroused the jealousy of the Jews, and led pear that this genitive is one of appo-   
 to his imprisonment. But he rather thinks sition:—the mystery 1s Christ in all His   
 of it as a result of his great office, fulness; not of the object, ‘relating to   
 himself as a sacrifice for those whom it Christ’); 5.] which in cther genera-   
 was his intent to benest), if, that is (or tions was not made known unto the sons   
 if indeed; i.e., ‘assuming that.’ The of men (this last is not only a way of ex-   
 Ephesians had heard all this, St. Paul pressing mankind, but gives also the cause   
 was now delicately reminding them of it), why men were ignorant, the natural man   
 ye heard of (when I was among you, not not receiving the things of the Spirit.   
 “have heard,” as A. V., making it appear Notice as contrasted, “his holy Apostles   
 as if it were some intelligence of his pro- and Prophets,” below), as (“it was indeed   
 ceedings while absent from them : his made known ina manner,” says Theodoret,   
 course at Ephesus, his converse [Acts xx. “to the prophets of old, but not as now:   
 18—21], and his preaching, were just the for they knew not the things themselves,   
 imparting to them this knowledge) the but wrote beforehand the matters concern-   
 economy (or, dispensation: sce note on ing those things”) it hath been now re-   
 ch.i.10. It is not the Apostolic office,— vealed (more properly,—‘as in this present   
 but the dispensation in which he was a age it was revealed’) unto His holy (see re-   
 steward, of that which follows) of grace marks above. Olshausen says, “It is cer-   
 of God which was given me (the grace tainly peculiar, that Paul here calls the   
 which was given was the material with Apostles, and consequently himself among   
 respect to which the dispensation was to them, ‘holy Apostles.” It is going too far   
 be exercised: so that the genitive is objec- when De Wette finds in this a sign of an   
 tive, as in ch. i. 10) to yon-ward (to be unapostolic origin of the Epistle: but still   
 dispensed in the direction of, to, the expression remains an unusual one. I   
 3.] that (explanatory of the fact implied account for it to myself thus,—that Paul   
 in their hearing of this: as we say, ‘how here conceives of the Apostles and Pro-   
 that’) by revelation (sce reff.; the phets as a corporation (cf. ch. iv. and   
 is on these words, from their position) was as such, in their official he gives   
 made known to me the mystery (viz. of them the predicate holy, as he names be-   
 the admission of the Gentiles [ver. 6] to lievers, conceived as a whole, ‘holy’ or   
 be fellow-heirs, See ch.i.9, directly “sanctified? but never an individual”)   
 referred to below); even as I before wrote Apostles and Prophets (as in ch. ii. 20,   
 (not, ‘have beforewritten.’ ‘ Before wrote,’ the New Test. Prophets—see note there)   
 viz. in ch. 9 ff.) briefly, 4.) whereby in (as the conditional element; in and by)