3—. COLOSSIANS. 455   
 AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED.   
 AUTHORIZED VERSION.   
   
 Saith in Christ. 6 As ye SE As therefore ye received Christ #1 te.10.1.   
 have therefore received Jesus the Lord, so walk in him: .   
 Christ Jesus the Lord, so Tyooted and being builded up in 15,112   
 walk ye in him: 7 rooted jhim, and stablished in the faith, °'\*   
 and built up in him, and   
 stablished in the faith, as even as ye were taught, abounding   
 ye have beentaught,abound- therein with thanksgiving. § ™ Be- mjer.xx   
 ing therein with thanks- ware lest there shall be any man   
 giving. % Beware lest any that leadeth you captive through   
 man spoil you through phi- his philosophy and vain deceit, ac-   
 losophy and vain deceit,   
 ofter the tradition of men,   
 after the rudiments Christ. cording to "the tradition of men, 2 Matt-xy.2.   
 according to the °rudiments of the odativ:   
 world, and not according to Christ.   
   
   
 your harmonized and undivided church), See Eph. ii. 20, where this latter is set   
 and (the order just spoken of was the out- forth as a fact the past), and confirmed   
 ward manifestation ; this is inward fact in the (or, your) faith as ye were taught,   
 on which it rested) the solid basis (the abounding therein in (or, with) thanks-   
 word does not mean ‘stedfastness’ [A. giving (the field of operation, or element,   
 V.], nor indeed any abstract quality at all: in which that abundance is manifested).   
 but, the concrete product of the abstract 8—15.] See summary, on ver. 1—general   
 quality the basis or foundation) of your warning against being seduced by a wis-   
 faith on Christ. 6.] As then (he has dom which was after men’s tradition, and   
 described his conflict and his joy on their not after Christ,—of whose perfect work,   
 behalf—he now exhorts them to justify and their perfection in Him, he reminds   
 such anxiety and approval by consistency them. 8.] Take heed lest there   
 with their first faith) ye received (from shall be (the future indicative expresses   
 Epaphras and your first teachers) [the] strong fear lest that which is should   
 Christ Jesus [as] the Lord (so literally. really be the case) any one who (the ex-   
 The expression here used occurs only this presi points at some known person)   
 once. It is necessary, in order to express leadeth you captive (the original word is   
 its full sense, give something of a pre- an unusual one. It occurs in the sense of   
 dicative force both to “the Christ” and to carrying off a virgin, idea of abduc-   
 “the Lord:’ see 1 Cor. xii. 3. On the tion is very that here) by means of his   
 sense, Bisping says well: “Notice that (or, the popular, philosophy of the   
 Paul here says, ‘ye received the Christ,’ day: but I prefer the possessive meaning)   
 and not ‘ye received the word of Christ.’ philosophy and empty deceit (the philo-   
 True faith is a spiritual for in sophy is not necessarily Greek, as many   
 faith we receive not only the doctrine of have thought; for Josephus calls the doc-   
 Christ, but Himself, into us: in faith He trine of the Jewish sects philosophy. The   
 Himself dwells in us: we cannot separate character of the philosophy here meant, as   
 Christ, as Eternal Truth, His doctrine”), gathered from the descriptions which fol-   
 in Him walk (carry on your life of faith low, was that mixture of Jewish and   
 and practice) ; 7.] rooted (see Eph. Oriental, which afterwards expanded into   
 iii. and being continually built up in gnosticism), according to the tradition of   
 Him (as hoth the soil and the foundation men (this tradition, derived from men,   
 —in both cases the conditional elemerit. human and not divine in its character, set   
 It is to noticed 1) how the fervid style the rule to this his and accord-   
 of St. Paul, disdaining the nice proprieties ing to this he captivated men), according   
 of rhetoric, sets the point in hand by to the elements (see on Gal. iv. 3: the   
 inconsistent stmilitudes: the walking im- rudimentary lessons: i.e. the ritualistic   
 plying motion, the rooting and building, observances in which they were becoming   
 rest: 2) that the rooting, answering to the entangled) of the world (all these belonged   
 first elementary grounding in Him, is in to the earthly side—were the carnal and   
 the past: the being built up, answering to imperfect phase of knowledge—now the   
 the coutinual increase in Him, is present. perfect was come, the imperfect was done