IV. 1—4, COLOSSIANS. 469   
   
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 unto men ; \*4 knowing that \*teknowing that of the Lord ye czpnu.   
 of the Lord ye shall re- shall reeeive the recompense of the   
 ceive the reward of the in- inheritance: +4serve ye the Lord t $6,   
 heritance: for ye serve the oldest   
 Lord Christ, \*5 But he Christ. 5 Fort he that doeth ages,   
 that doeth wrong shali re- . + Soall   
 ceive for the wrong which wrong he did: and back there is no ¢Rop-ti   
 he hath done: and there is respect of persons. hee Deut.   
 no IV.) Masters, give unto| IV. ! Masters, \* render unto your a Eph.   
 your servants that which is! servants justice and equality; know-   
 just and equal; knowing ing that. ye also have a Master in   
 that ye also have a Master   
 in heaven. \* Continue in   
 prayer, and watch in the heaven. 7%» Persevere in prayer, > Lute xvitt-1,   
 same with thanksgiving ; watching cerein ¢with thanks- ?   
 3 withal praying also for soe . \* pe 1,   
 us, that God would open giving; 3“withal praying for us ech   
 unto us @ door of utier- also, that God would ¢ unto? Epl |. 19,   
 ance, to speak the mystery us a door Fi iii,   
 of Christ, for which I am ‘the mystery for of Christ, @for speak t   
 alsoin bonds: 4 that Imay Tam also in bonds: ‘that I may # 2 ii 12,   
 Matt. i.   
 ii. iv.   
 g Eph. 20. Phil.   
 24.) Equivalent to Eph. vi.8, but out regard to rank or wealth, shall receive   
 fic as to Christianreward. knowing the deeds done in the body. So that in   
 as yedo ..] The words of the Lord are your Christian uprightness and conscien-   
 emphatically prefixed—\* that it is the tiousness you msl not fear that you shall   
 Lord that you shall ....?\_ You must look be in the end overborne by the superior   
 to Him, not to men, as the source of all power of your masters: there is a judge   
 Christian reward. Here the word recom- who will defend and right you.   
 pense would appear to be used with a Cu. IV. 1. equality] i.e. equity,—fair-   
 marked reference to their present state of ness: an extension of justice to matters   
 slavery, the compensation. The very not admitting of the application of strict   
 word inheritance should have kept the rules—a large and liberal interpretation   
 Roman Catholic expositors from intro- justice in ordinary matters. knowing]   
 ducing the merit of good works here.—The see ch, iii. also] as well as they:   
 last clause, without the “for,” is best. ‘as you are masters to them, so the EXHOR-   
 taken imperatively, as a general compre- TATIONS: and 2—4.] to prayer ; see   
 hension of the course of action prescribed Rom. xii. 12: 1 Thess. v. 17. 2.)   
 in the former part of the verse: serve ye watching therein, i.e. not remiss and   
 the Lord Christ. 25.] This verse indolent in your occupation of prayer, bnt   
 seems best to be taken as addressed to the active and watchful, cheerful also, as with   
 slaves by way of encouragement to regard thanksgiving, which defines and charac-   
 Christ as their Master, and serve Him— terizes the watchfulness, 3.] for us   
 seeing that all their in this world, not, “ for me :”seech.i.1, 3. This is   
 if they leave them in His hands, will be in shewn here by the singular following after.   
 due time righted by Him, the just judge, a door for the word] an opening of   
 with whom there is no respect of persons. wpurtunity for the extension of the Gos-   
 For he that doeth wrong shall ve- pel by the word. This would, seeing that   
 ceive (see, as on the whole, Eph, vi. 8) the Apostle was a prisoner, naturally be   
 that which he did wrongfully (the tenst given first and most chiefly, so far as   
 is changed because in the first case he he was concerned, by his liberation:   
 is speaking of present practice—in the see Philem. 22. for (on account   
 second, he has transferred the scene to the of) which (mystery) I am (not only   
 day of the Lord, and the wrong is one of @ minister but) also bound.   
 past time): and there is not respect of   
 persons. At His tribunal, every one,