472 COLOSSIANS. TY,   
   
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 t Se of you, a servant of Christ + Jesus,   
 txom.xv.s0. saluteth you, always ‘striving ear- is one of you, a servant of   
 nestly for you in his prayers, that Christ, saluteth always   
 v4. ye may stand "perfect and + labouring fervently for you   
 2. assured in all the will of God. in prayers, that ye may   
 u Matt. 18 For I bear him witness that he stand perfect and com-   
 tSometeror hath much ftlabour for you, and plete in all the will of   
 & those at Laodicea, and those at God. 8 For I bear him   
 x2Tim.iv.. Hierapolis. 14\* Luke, the beloved record, that he hath a   
 yiTim.iv.10. physician, saluteth you, and ¥ Demas. great zeal for you, and   
 15 Salute the brethren at Laodicea, them that are in Laodicea,   
 and Nymphas, and \*the church in and them in Hierapolis.   
 his house. 16 And when \* this epis- \ Tuke, the beloved phy-   
 tle is read among you, cause that it sician, and Demas, greet   
 be read in the chureh of the Lao- you. 18 Salute the bre-   
 2 Rom. xvi. diceans also; and that ye likewise thren which are in Lao-   
 1 Cor. 19, read the epistle from Lacdicea. dicea, and Nymphas, and   
 81 Thess. the church which is in his   
 w. house. 6 And when this   
 epistle is read among you,   
 cause that it be read also   
 in the church of the Laodi-   
 ceans; and that ye like-   
 wise read the epistle from   
 we cannot say) a comfort to me. 12.) famed for mineral springs (Strabo de-   
 On Epaphras, see ch. i.'7 note. By men- scribes them at length, also the caverns   
 tioning Epaphras’s anxious prayers for which exhale noxious vapour), which are   
 them, he works further on their affections, still flowing. 14.) This Luke has   
 giving them an additional motive for sted- ever been taken for the Evangelist: Introd.   
 fastness, in that one of themselves was to’ Luke, § i. In the designation, the   
 thus striving in prayer for them. beloved physician, there may be a trace   
 that ye may stand,—perfect and fully of what bas been supposed, that it was   
 persuaded,—in (be firmly settled in, with- in a professional capacity that he first   
 out danger of vacillating or falling: the became attached to St. Paul, who evi-   
 preposition belongs to the verb “ye may dently laboured under grievous sickness   
 stand,” not to “fully assured”) all the during the earlier part of the journey   
 (literally, every :? but we cannot thus where Luke first appears in his company.   
 express it:in English) will of God. Compare Gal. iv. 13 note, with Acts xvi.   
 18.] On.account of this mention of Lao- 6, 10. But this is too uncertain to be   
 dicea and Hierapolis, some have thought more than an interesting conjecture.   
 that Epaphras was the founder of the Demas] one of Paul's fellow-workmen,   
 three churches. See Introd. § ii. 2, 7. Philem. 24, who however afterwards de-   
 Laopicra was a city of Phrygia Magna, serted him, from love to the world, 2 Tim.   
 large and rich (Rev. iii. 17; and Introd. iv. 10. The absence of any honourable or   
 to Rev. § iii. 13; and Tacitus says that endearing mention here may be owing   
 when destroyed by an earthquake, the to the commencement of this apostasy,   
 inhabitants rebuilt it without imperial or some unfavourable indication in his   
 assistance), on the river Lycus, formerly character.   
 called Diospolis, and afterwards Rhoas ; 15—17.] Salutations to friends.   
 its subseqieut name was from Laodice, 15.] and before Nymphas, as so often,   
 queen of Antivchus [I. In a.p. 62, Lao- selects one out of a number previously   
 dicea, with Hierapolis and Colossz, was mentioned: Nymphas was one of these   
 destroyed by an earthquake (see ahove), Laodicean brethren. On the church spoken   
 to which visitations the neighbourhood of, see note, Rom. xvi. 5. 16.) this   
 was very subject. There is now on the (literally, epistle. the epistle   
 spot a desolate village called Eski-hissar, from Laodicea} i.e. an epistle which I   
 with some ancient ruins. Hierapolis} have written to Laodicea, to be forwarded   
 Six Roman miles north from Laodicea: fiom thence to you. On this Epistle, see