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 14whereunto he called you by our of the truth: 14 where-   
 sJohn xvi, gospel, to \*the obtaining of the unto he called you by our   
 via. \*\*\*\* glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. gospel, to the obtaining of   
 bicer.xvi18.15 Therefore, brethren, »stand fast, the glory of our Lord Jesus   
 ergo? and hold the ‘traditions which ye Christ. \8 Therefore, bre-   
 were taught, whether by word, or thren, stand fast, and hold   
 by our epistle. 164But our Lord the traditions which ye have   
 Jesus Christ himself, and God and been taught, whether by   
 deh. 11,2. our Father, \* which loved us, and word, or our epistle. '®   
 gave us eternal consolation and our Lord Jesus Christ him-   
 feood hope in grace, 17 comfort self, and God, even our   
 Father, which hath loved   
 us, and hath given us ever-   
 f1 Pet. lasting consolation and   
 sicoris. your hearts, and &stablish you in good hope your hearts, and   
 1 Thess. \* every good work and word. stablish you in every good   
 10, 1B brethren, word and work.   
 a Eph, vi for III. | that the word of the \* pray III, } brethren,   
 Col. 8. may have free course, and be glori- pray for us, that the word   
 fied, even as it is also with you: of the Lord may have free   
 course, and be glorified,   
   
   
 tification of (your) spirit.’ This is the 16, 17.] Himself, as a majestic in-   
 divine side of the element: the human troduction, in contrast with ws, who were   
 side follows,—‘ your own reception, by the agents in the last verse: see 1 Thess.   
 faith, of the truth’ 14] to which iii. and as ensuring the efficacy of the   
 (i.e. the being saved in sanctification of wish, as if it said, ‘and then you are   
 the Spirit and belief of the truth) He safe? Our Lord Jesus Christ is placed   
 (God) called you through our Gospel first, not merely because He is the me-   
 (our preaching of the Gospel to you), in diator between men and God, but because   
 order to (your) acquisition (see 1 Thess. the sentence is a climax, rising to “‘ God   
 y.9) of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father” in the next clause.   
 (i.e. sharing in the glory which He which loved us—refers to a single   
 has; see John xvii. 22; Rom. 17, 29). fact—the love of the Father in sending   
 15.] Therefore—seeing that such His Sou—or the love of the Father and   
 is God’s intent respecting you. Mr. Jowett Son in our accomplished Redemption.   
 here describes the Apostle as being “un- and gave—by that act of Love.   
 conscious of the logical inconsistency” of consolation, under all trials, and   
 appealing to them to do any thing, after that eternal,—not transitory, as this   
 he has just stated their election of God. world’s consolations : sufficient life,   
 Rather we should say, that he was deeply in death, and for ever: com: Rom. viii.   
 conscious, as ever, the logical necessity 38 f. This for all time present: and then   
 of the only practical inference which man good hope for the future. in grace   
 can draw from God’s gracious purposes to (not, ‘through grace,’ as A. V.) belongs not   
 him. No human reasoning powers can to the words good hope, but to the verb   
 connect the two,—God’s sovereignty and gave, and is the medium through, or   
 man’s free will: all we know of them is, element in which the gift is made.   
 that the one is as certain a truth as the Cu. III. 1—5.] Exhortation to pray   
 other. In proportion then as we assert the Sor him and his colleagues (1, 2). His   
 oue strongly, we must ever implicate the confidence that the Lord will keep them   
 other asstrongly : a course which the great (3)—and that they will obey his commands   
 Apostle never fails to pursue: see Phil ii. (4). Prayer for them (5). 1.] the   
 12, 18, al. stand fast is a con- word of the Lord,—i. e. the Gospel.   
 trast to “being shaken,” ver. 2. may have free course] literally, run.   
 our epistle, as contrasted with the“ epistle Contrast to ‘being bound: sce 2 Tim. ii.   
 as from us” of ver. 2, refers to 1 Thess. Q—may spread rapidly. The word of