THE FIRST EPISTLE GENERAL OF   
   
   
   
 PETER.   
   
   
   
   
 AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED. AUTHORIZED VERSION.   
   
 I. 1 Perer, an apostle of Jesus I. ' PETER, an apostle   
 Christ, to the \* elect strangers of the of Jesus Christ, tothe stran-   
 ®. >dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cap- gers scattered throughout   
 Pontus, Galatia, Cappa-   
 vara, a. Asia, and Bithynia, ? ¢ac- ‘docia, Asia, and Bithynia,   
 \* eording to the foreknowledge of God 2elect according to the   
 a2Tbess.tl13. the Father, ¢in nctifivation of the | (foreknowledge of God the   
 et.z.22.& Spirit, unto obedience and ¢sprinkling| ton af the Spirit, unto   
 obedience and sprinkling   
 fRom. i. of the blood of Jesus Christ: ‘ Grace of the blood of Jesus Christ:   
 2P 3,   
 Jude 2. Knowledge of their faith beforchand, as   
 Cu. I. 1, 2.] AppRESs AND GREETING : some interpret it, but counsel or fore-   
 corresponding generally with those of St. ovdaining. “God causes election, and   
 Paul’s Epistles, designating however him- does not discover it only.” See on ver.   
 self more briefly, and his readers more at 20, where the signification ‘fore-decreed ?   
 length. Peter (the Greck form of the is necessary to the context) of God the   
 name Cephas, a stone, given him by our Father (thus indicated, as leading on to   
 Lord, see John i, 43: in 2 Pet. i. 1 it is the great mystery of the Holy Trinity in   
 «Symicon Peter’), an apostle of the work of our salvation) in (not   
 to the eleot strangers (see Heb. xi. 13. as A. V.: ‘through? would betoken the   
 elect, chosen of God to His adopted family origin, and enduring pattern after which, —   
 in Christ) of the dispersion (i. e. “unto, the conditional and abiding element   
 to the Jewish dispersion, This leading in which, and in signifies the result for   
 character there the readers of is Peter has which) sanctification of the Spirit (gen.   
 to exclude Gentile Christians from among subjective, or rather efficient, the Spirit   
 them, as forming part of the the same Leing the worker of the sanctification),   
 God. Indecd, such readers are presup- unto (result as regards us—the fruit   
 in the Epistle itself: compare ver. which we are to bring forth, and the   
 . ii, 10, iv. 3) of Pontus (sce Acts state into which we are to be brought)   
 9, note), Galatia (see Introd to Gal. obedience (absolutely, Christian obedience,   
 § ii), Cappadocia (Acts, as above), Asia the obedience of faith, as in\_ver 14) and   
 (not quite as in Acts ii. 9, xvi. 6, where sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ   
 Phrygia is distinguished it: here it (i.e. admission into and standing in that   
 must be included), and Bithynia (Acts covenant, whose atoning medium is Christ’s   
 xvi. 7 note: and on the whole geozra- blood,—‘and\_ mode of application, the   
 phical extent embraced by the terms, and sprinkling of that blood on the heart by   
 inferences to be gathered from their order faith. The allusion is to Exod. xxiv. 8,   
 of sequence, see Introduction), according where the covenant was inaugurated by   
 to foreknowledge (this significs not merely sprinkling the blood on the people. ‘This   
 was the only oceasion on which the blood   
 was (hus sprinkled on persons : for on the