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 filed, and that fadeth not away,|tible, and undefiled, and   
 that fadeth not away, re-   
 m reserved in heaven for you, 5" who served in heaven for you,   
 Fae , ave kept in the power of God through|s wko are kept by the   
 xvii, “faith unto salvation ready to be re-| power of God through faith   
 2,15. J unto salvation ready to be   
   
 that hope becomes the inheritance of the in all earthly things is passing and soon   
 promise.” Steinmeyer) an inheritance (“by withered: see ver. 24. So that our in-   
 inheritance [cf. ch. iii. 9] is imported heritance is glorious in these three re-   
 the whole fulness of blessings not seen, of spects: it is in substance, incorruptible:   
 which the Christian asa child of God [ver. in purity, undefiled: in beauty, unfading.   
 3] has expectation, see Gul. iv. 7. This Bengel has remarked that St. Peter loves   
 inheritance is more closely defined, as sal~ acenmulated synonyms: vv. 7, 8, 19:   
 vation [vv. 5, 9], as grace, grace of life ch. y. 10), reserved (laid up, Col. i, 5)   
 [ver. 13, ch. iii. a8 glory [ch. v. 1}, as in the heavens (“that we may be sure   
 an unfading crown of glory [ch. v. 4], or it is safe,” Calvin: also reflecting back   
 the eternal glory of God [ch. v. 10]. The on the epithets above, because all that is   
 simplest expression for that, which the there is incorruptible and undefiled and   
 Apostle calls inheritanee, is on the one unfading. ‘The Greek interpreters make   
 side the grace of life with its glory, on these words an arguinent against the mil-   
 the other the salvation of souls. This lenarians: so Ecumenius, “If the inherit-   
 inheritance is the full possession of that, ance is in the heavens, the millenarian   
 was promised to Abraham and all restitution is fabulous”) for (with a view   
 jevers (Gen. xii, 8, see Gal. iii. 6 ff.) to) you (turning again to his readers from.   
 an inheritance, as much higher than that the general statement of ver. 3),   
 which fell to the children of Israel in the 5.) who are being guarded («what   
 possession of Canaan, as the sonship of the avails it that salvation is laid up for us in   
 regenerate, who have received the heaven, if we are tossed about in the world   
 promise of the Spirit through faith as a as in a turbulent sea? What avails it   
 pledge of their inheritance, is higher than that our salvation is kept in a tranquil   
 the sonship of Israel: compare Gal. iii. 18, harbour, if we are drifting among a thou-   
 29; 1 Cor, vi. 9; Eph, v. 55 Heb. ix, 15.” sand shipwrecks? The Apostle thus anti-   
 Wiesinger) incorruptible (not liable to cipates objections of this kind.” Calvin,   
 decay. “We are here perishing among “The inheritance is reserved: the heirs   
 perishing things: the things are passing are guarded: neither shall it fail them,   
 which we enjoy, and we are passing who nor they it.” Bengel. «The word kept   
 enjoy them. . . . When death comes, that here is a military term, ‘The saints when   
 removes a man out of all his possessions to in danger, may know that as many as   
 give place to another: therefore are these their perils, so many are their guards pro-   
 inheritances decaying and dying in relation vided by God: thousands of thousands   
 to us, because we decay and die: and when keep watch over them.” Aretius) in (in,   
 aman dies, his inheritances, and honours, of the power in which, and by virtue of   
 and all things here, are at an end in re- which, the guard is effectual: not, as   
 spect of him: yea we may say the world some interpret, im, as in a fortress) the   
 ends to him.” Leighton), undefiled (Leigh- power of God by (the power of God was   
 ton quotes from Jerome, “The rich are the efficient cause: now we come to the   
 either unrighteous, or the heirs of the effective means) faith (‘the causes of our   
 unrighteous.” “All possessions here are preservation are two; 1. Supreme, the   
 defiled and stained with many defects and power of God: 2. Subordinate, faith. . . .   
 failings: still somewhat wanting, some Our faith lays hold upon this power, and   
 damp on them, or crack in them: fair this power strengthens faith, and so we!   
 houses, but sad eares flying about the are preserved.” Leighton) unto (the end   
 gilded and ceiled roofs: stztely and soft and limit of the xeeping: compare the   
 beds and a full table, but a sickly body very similar expression in Gal. iii, 23, we   
 and queasy stomach, . . . All possessions were kept in ward, shut up unto the faith   
 are stained with sin, either in acquiring or about to be revealed) salvation (salvation,   
 using them, and therefore they are called though in itself a merely negutive idea,   
 muinmon of unrightcousuess, Luke xvi. involves in itself, and came to mean in the   
 9”), and unfading (in its beauty; which New Test., the positive setting in bliss of