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 AUTHORIZED VERSION. AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED,   
 exhorting, aud testifying few words, exhorting, and testifying   
 that this is the true grace ‘that this is the true grace of God ; ‘4487   
 of God wherein ye stand. wherein + stand ye.   
 The church that is at elected together with you in Baby- aber   
 Babylon, elected together lon saluteth you ; and so doth that is \* 3"   
 with you, saluleth you ; T#hGreet ye one another » Rom. 88,   
 and so doth Marcus my   
 son. “Grect ye one an- my son, rh,   
 other with a kiss of cha- with a kiss of charity. ‘Peace be 2Cor.ait 12,   
 rity. Peace bo with you to you all that are in Christ f.   
 all that ave in Christ   
 Jesus. Amen.   
   
 nuy already have had with him), I have tion has occurred in the Epistle of the   
 written unto you (these words “ unto word church, to which reference might be   
 you” are taken by some, as the A. V., as made: if such reference be sought for, the   
 Wependent on “faithful,” which is harsh, in ch. i. 1, is the only word   
 leaves the verb “I hare written” suituble, and that could hardly be used of   
 object of address) in (literally, the congregation in any particular place.   
 by meaus of,—as my vehicle of conveying Finally, it seems to be required by the   
 thy meaning) few words (this may perhaps rules of analogy, that in an Epistle   
 r to some more copious instructions dressed to elec! strangers or sojourners,   
 Silvanus was to give them by word individually, not aggregutely, “she that   
 of mouth: or may serve to fix atten- is elected together with them,” must be   
 tion more pointedly on that which had an individual person also. These con-   
 heen thus concisely said), exhorting (such siderations induce me to accede to the   
 in the main is the character of the Epistle) opinion of those, who recognize here the   
 and giving my testimony that this (of believing sister whom St. Peter led about,   
 ich I have written to you; see below) being his wife, 1 Cor. ix. 5: and to find,   
 is the true grace (as testified by the in the somewhat unusual periphrastic   
 preaching of the Apostles to be covenanted way of speaking of her, a confirmation of   
 and granted to them by God. This identi- this view. Still, I own, the words “in   
 fication of the preached and written mes- Babylon” a little me in this view.   
 sage with true mind of Gol towards But it seems less forced than the other.   
 man, is not uncommon with our Apostle: On the question, what Babylon is intended,   
 e.g. ch. i. 12, [ii, 10, 25]. The reason whether Rome, or the Chaldean capital, or   
 of this was not any difference, as some some village in Egypt, see Introduction,   
 would have us believe, between the teach- § iv.), and Mark my son (perhaps, and   
 ings of St. Peter and St. Paul, but the so most have thought, the |-known   
 difficulty presented to the readers in the Evangelist: perhaps the actual son of   
 fact of the fiery trial of sufferings which St. Peter, bearing this name. The fact   
 they were passing through) of God, in of Peter taking refuge in the house of   
 which stand ye (the construction in the Mary the mother of John Mark (Acts xii.   
 original is what is called pregnant; iuto 2), casts hardly any weight on the side   
 which being admitted, stand in it. This of the former interpretation : but it derives   
 is a short and earnest exhortation, con- some probability from the circumstance   
 taining in it the pith of what has been said that St. Mark is reported by Enscbius to   
 by way of exhortation in the whole Epistle). have been the follower and disciple and   
 13.) She that is elected together with interpreter of Peter, on the authority of   
 you in Babylon salutes you (who, or what Papias and Clement of Alexandria: ‘and   
 is this? The great majority of Com- that Irenaeus reports the same. The word   
 mentators understand it to mean a sister “son” is understood either spiritually or   
 congregation, elect like yourselves, ch. i. literally, according as one or other of the   
 And this perlnps may be a legitimate inter- above Views is taken). 14.) Salute   
 pretation, Still it seems hardly proba- one another in (as the medium of saluta-   
 ble, that there should be joined in tion) a kiss of love (see on Rom. xvi. 16,   
 the same sending of salufation, an abstrac- where, as every where except here, “an   
 fion, spoken of thus enigmatically, and a holy kiss” is the expression). Peace be   
 man, Mark my son, by name. No men- to you all that are in Christ (the con-