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 2 For he that lacketh these things. Jesus Christ. 9 But he   
 misontie ™ is Dlind, short-sighted, having that lacketh these things   
 a Eph. 2 forgotten the ™ purification of his is blind, and cannot see   
 - 10 Wherefore afar off, and hath for-   
 1 John. e. rather, brethren, give diligence the gotten that he wxs purged   
 01 Sohn i make your calling and election se- | from his old sins. Where-   
 these things, ? ye |fore the rather, brethren,   
 11 for so your en- give diligence to make your   
 peh, 7 cure: for doing richly ministered calling and election sures   
 shall you into the eternal kingdom for if ye do these things,   
 trance shall be ‘ye shall never fall: © for   
 30 an entrance shall be   
 ministered unto you abun~   
   
 in ver. 6) of our Lord Jesus Christ (in in complying with the exhortation), bre-   
 Him are hid, ethically as well as doc- thren (inaking the appeal more close   
 trinally, all the treasures of wisdom and and affectionate), give diligence (so the   
 knowledge: the knowledge of Him is the A. V. admirably) to make (properly, ¢o   
 imitation of Him: for as it is true that make for yourselves: not to make abso-   
 hereafter the secing Him as He is will lutely; which lay beyond their power,   
 ensure\*our being perfectly like Him, so it but Zo do it, on their side, for their parf.   
 is true that here the only way in any But the verb must not be explained away   
 degree increasingly to see Him as He is, is into a pure subjectivity, “to make sure to   
 to become increasingly like Him. He only yourselves:”’ it carries the reflective force,   
 ean declare Christ, who reflects Christ). but only in so far as the act is and must   
 9.] For (negative reason: see above: be done for and as regards a man’s own   
 and that, with reference not only to the self, the absolute and final determination   
 exhortations of vv. 5, 6, 7, but by this resting with Another) your calling and   
 for connected also with ver. 8: the ad- election (i. ¢., as Grotius, “The calling   
 vantage of the presence is great, for the which came to you by the Gospel, and   
 disadvantage of the absence indicates no the election which followed it, when you   
 less than spiritual blindness and oblivion) became the people of God.” Both these   
 he to whom these are not present (con- were God’s acts, ver. 3, and 1 Pet. i. 1,   
 trast to ver. 8) is blind (lacks discern- secure (for both, in as far as we look on   
 ment altogether of his own state as a them from the lower side, not able to   
 member of Christ and inheritor of hea- penetrate into the counsels of God, are   
 ven), short-sighted (some interpret the insecure, unless established by holiness of   
 word of not being able to see the heavenly life. In His foreknowledge and purpose,   
 things, which are distant, only carthly, there is no insecurity, no uncertainty:   
 which are close at hand. Perhaps, how- but in our vision and apprehension of them.   
 ever, this is an interpretation more subtle as they exist in and for us, much, until   
 than the Apostle’s meaning), having in- they are made secure in the way here   
 curred forgetfulness of the purification of pointed out): for, doing these things   
 his former sins (jc. of the fact of his (because these are works done. And the   
 ancient, pre-Christian, sins having been participle is conditional, carrying with it   
 purged away in his baptism, ‘This, and not: an hypothesis: as A.V. ‘if ye do these   
 the purification of the sins of the world, things’), ye shall never offend (i.c. stum-   
 aud of his among them, by the cross of ble and fall): 11.) for thus (i.e. if ye do   
 Christ, is evidently the sense, by the very these things) shall be richly (the adverb is   
 terms of the sentence, And tlins alinost not, as Huther says, surprising, but most   
 all the Commentators.) natural and obvious with the verb, which   
 10, 11.] The exhortation is resumed, is one of furnishing and ministering; there-   
 and furtier pressed, both on the pre- fore of quantity. The adverb belongs to   
 ceding grounds, and on account of its the figure latent in the verb: and must   
 blessed ultimate results, if therefore be interpreted in and with the   
 10.] Wherefore the rather (wherefore interpretation of the verb: in which case   
 referring to the two considerations it will indicate high degrees and fulness of   
 urged in vv. 8, 9, and the rather glory) furnished to you (the verb seems   
 taking them reasons for increased zeal expressly chosen in order to answer to