

¹For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.²For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:³If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.⁴For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.⁵Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.⁶Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:⁷(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)⁸We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.⁹Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.¹¹Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.¹²For we commend not ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to answer them which glory in appearance, and not in heart.¹³For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God: or whether we be sober, it is for your cause.¹⁴For the love of Christ constraineth

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¹لَأَنَّنا نَعْلَمُ أَنَّهٗ إِنِ نُفِصَ بَيْتُ خَيْمَتِنَا الْأَرْضِيَّةِ فَلَنَّا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ بِنَاءً مِنَ اللَّهِ، بَيْتٌ غَيْرُ مَصْنُوعٍ بِيَدِ أَيْدِيٍّ. ²فَإِنَّا فِي هَذِهِ أَيْضاً نَتِيَّ مُشْتَاقِينَ إِلَى أَنْ تَلْبَسَ قَوْقَهَا مَسْكَنَتَا الَّذِي مِنَ السَّمَاءِ،³ وَإِنْ كُنَّا لَا يَسِينُ لَا نَوْجِدُ عُرَاةً. ⁴فَإِنَّا نَحْنُ الَّذِينَ فِي الْخَيْمَةِ نَتِيَّ مُتَقَلِّينَ إِذْ لَسْنَا نُرِيدُ أَنْ نَخْلَعَهَا بَلْ أَنْ تَلْبَسَ قَوْقَهَا، لِكَيْ يُتَلَعَ الْمَائِثُ مِنَ الْحَيَاةِ. ⁵وَلَكِنَّ الَّذِي صَنَعَنَا لِهَذَا عَيْنِهِ هُوَ اللَّهُ، الَّذِي أَعْطَانَا أَيْضاً عَزَبُونَ الرُّوحِ. ⁶فَإِذَا نَحْنُ وَانْفُوقَ كُلُّ جِينٍ وَعَالَمُونَ أَنَّنَا وَنَحْنُ مُسْتَوِطُونَ فِي الْجَسَدِ فَتَحْنُ مُتَعَزِّبُونَ عَنِ الرَّبِّ،⁷ لَأَنَّنا بِالْإِيمَانِ نَسْلُكُ لَا بِالْأَعْيَانِ، فَتَنِيَّ وَنُسَرُّ بِالْأَوَّلَى أَنْ تَتَغَرَّبَ عَنِ الْجَسَدِ وَتَسْتَوِطِنَ عِنْدَ الرَّبِّ. ⁹لِذَلِكَ نَحْتَرِصُ أَيْضاً، مُسْتَوِطِينَ كُنَّا أَوْ مُتَعَزِّبِينَ، أَنْ تَكُونَ مَرْضِيَّيْنِ عِنْدَهُ. ¹⁰لَأَنَّهُ لَا بُدَّ أَنَّنَا جَمِيعاً نُظْهَرُ أَمَامَ كُرْسِيِّ الْمَسِيحِ لِنَبَالَ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ مَا كَانَ بِالْجَسَدِ بِحَسَبِ مَا صَنَعَ، خَيْرًا كَانَ أَمْ شَرًّا.

إِجْتِهَادُ الرَّسُولِ فِي الْكَرَامَةِ

¹¹فَإِذَا نَحْنُ عَالِمُونَ مَخَافَةَ الرَّبِّ نُبْعِثُ النَّاسَ، وَأَمَّا اللَّهُ فَقَدْ صَرَّفَنَا طَاهِرِينَ لَهُ وَأَرْجُو أَنَّنَا قَدْ صَرَّفَنَا طَاهِرِينَ فِي صَمَائِرِكُمْ أَيْضاً. ¹²لَأَنَّنا لَسْنَا نَفْعِدُ أَنْفُسَنَا أَيْضاً لَدَيْكُمْ بَلْ نُعْطِيكُمْ فُرْصَةً لِلِافْتِخَارِ مِنْ جِهَتِنَا، لِيَكُونَ لَكُمْ جَوَابٌ عَلَيَّ الَّذِينَ يَفْتَخِرُونَ بِأَلْوَجْهِ لَا بِالْقَلْبِ. ¹³لَأَنَّنا إِنْ صَرَّفْنَا مُخْتَلِينَ قَلْبَهُ، أَوْ كُنَّا غَافِلِينَ فَلَكُمْ. ¹⁴لَأَنَّ مَحَبَّةَ الْمَسِيحِ تَحْضُرُنَا، إِذْ نَحْنُ نَحْسِبُ هَذَا، أَنَّهُ إِنْ كَانَ وَاحِدٌ قَدْ مَاتَ لِأَجْلِ الْجَمِيعِ، فَالْجَمِيعُ إِذَا مَاثُوا،¹⁵ وَهُوَ مَاتَ لِأَجْلِ الْجَمِيعِ كَيْ يَعْيشَ الْأَخْيَاءُ فِيمَا بَعْدُ، لَا لَأَنْفُسِهِمْ بَلْ لِلَّذِي مَاتَ لِأَجْلِهِمْ وَقَامَ. ¹⁶إِذَا نَحْنُ مِنَ الْآنَ لَا نَعْرِفُ أَحَدًا حَسَبَ الْجَسَدِ، وَإِنْ كُنَّا قَدْ عَرَفْنَا الْمَسِيحَ حَسَبَ الْجَسَدِ لَكِنْ الْآنَ لَا نَعْرِفُهُ بَعْدُ. ¹⁷إِذَا إِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ فِي الْمَسِيحِ فَهُوَ خَلِيقُهُ جَدِيدَةً، الْأَشْيَاءُ الْعَتِيقَةُ قَدْ مَضَتْ، هُوَذَا الْكُلُّ قَدْ صَارَ جَدِيدًا.

سَفَرَاءُ الْمَسِيحِ فِي الْمَصَالِحَةِ

¹⁸وَلَكِنَّ الْكُلَّ مِنَ اللَّهِ، الَّذِي صَالَحَنَا لِتَفْسِيهِ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ وَأَعْطَانَا خِدْمَةَ الْمَصَالِحَةِ،¹⁹ أَيْ إِنْ اللَّهُ كَانَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ مُصَالِحًا الْعَالَمَ لِتَفْسِيهِ، غَيْرَ خَاسِبٍ لَهُمْ خَطَايَاهُمْ وَوَاضِعًا فِينَا كَلِمَةَ الْمَصَالِحَةِ. ²⁰إِذَا نَسْعَى كَسَفَرَاءَ عَنِ الْمَسِيحِ كَأَنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْطِي بِنَا، تَطْلُبُ عَنْ الْمَسِيحِ: تَصَالَحُوا مَعَ اللَّهِ. ²¹لَأَنَّهُ جَعَلَ الَّذِي لَمْ يَعْرِفْ

حَطِيئَةً حَطِيئَةً لَّأَجْلِنَا، لِتَصِيرَ نَحْنُ بِرَّ اللَّهِ فِيهِ.

us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:¹⁵ And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.¹⁶ Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.¹⁷ Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.¹⁸ And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;¹⁹ To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.²⁰ Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.²¹ For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.