

¹Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,²To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.³For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.⁴But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,⁵Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;⁶Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;⁷That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.⁸This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.⁹But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.¹⁰A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject;¹¹Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.¹²When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter.¹³Bring Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them.¹⁴And let ours also learn to maintain

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¹ذَكَرَهُمْ أَنْ يَخْضَعُوا لِلرِّيَّاسَاتِ وَالسَّلَاطِينِ وَيُطِيعُوا وَيَكُونُوا مُسْتَعِدِّينَ لِكُلِّ عَمَلٍ صَالِحٍ، وَلَا يَطْعَنُوا فِي أَحَدٍ، وَيَكُونُوا غَيْرَ مُخَاصِمِينَ، خُلَمَاءَ، مُظْهِرِينَ كُلَّ وَدَاعَةٍ لِكُلِّ النَّاسِ.³لَأَنَّا كُنَّا نَحْنُ أَيْضاً قَبِيلاً أَغْيَاءَ، غَيْرَ طَائِعِينَ، صَالِبِينَ، مُسْتَعْبِدِينَ لِسَهْوَاتٍ وَلَذَاتٍ مُخْتَلِفَةٍ، غَائِبِينَ فِي الْخُبْثِ وَالْحَسَدِ، مَمْقُوتِينَ، مُبْغِضِينَ بَعْضُنَا بَعْضاً. وَلَكِنْ حِينَ طَهَّرَ لُطْفُ مُخْلِصِنَا إِلَهٍ وَإِحْسَانُهُ،⁵لَا بِأَعْمَالٍ فِي يَدٍ عَمَلْنَاهَا نَحْنُ بَلْ بِمُقْتَصَى رَحْمَتِهِ، خَلَصَنَا يَغْسِلُ الْمِيلَادِ الثَّانِي وَتَجْدِيدِ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ⁶الَّذِي سَكَبَهُ بِنِعْمَتِهِ عَلَيْنَا يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ مُخْلِصَنَا،⁷حَتَّى إِذَا تَبَرَّرْنَا بِنِعْمَتِهِ تَصِيرُ وَرَثَةً حَسَبَ رَجَاءِ الْحَيَاةِ الْآبَدِيَّةِ.⁸صَادِقَةٌ هِيَ الْكَلِمَةُ. وَأَرِيدُ أَنْ تُقَرَّرَ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورَ لِكَيْ يَهْتَمَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ أَنْ يُمَارِسُوا أَعْمَالاً حَسَنَةً، فَإِنَّ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورَ هِيَ الْحَسَنَةُ وَالنَّافِعَةُ لِلنَّاسِ.

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⁹وَأَمَّا الْمُبَاحَثَاتُ الْعَبِيَّةُ وَالْأَسَاثُ وَالْخُصُومَاتُ وَالْمُنَازَعَاتُ التَّامُوسِيَّةُ فَاجْتَنِبْهَا، لِأَنَّهَا غَيْرُ نَافِعَةٍ وَبَاطِلَةٌ.¹⁰الرَّجُلُ الْمُتَبَدِّعُ، بَعْدَ الْإِنْذَارِ مَرَّةً وَمَرَّتَيْنِ، أَعْرِضْ عَنْهُ،¹¹عَالِماً أَنَّ مِثْلَ هَذَا قَدْ انْخَرَفَ وَهُوَ يَخْطِئُ مَحْكُوماً عَلَيْهِ مِنْ نَفْسِهِ.

¹²حِينَمَا أُرْسِلَ إِلَيْكَ أَرْتِيمَاسٌ أَوْ تِيخِيكُسٌ بَادِرْ أَنْ تَأْتِيَ إِلَيَّ إِلَى نِيكُوبُولِسَ، لِأَنِّي عَزَمْتُ أَنْ أَشْتِيَ هُنَاكَ.¹³جَهِّزْ رِيَّاسَ التَّامُوسِيَّ وَأَبْلُوسَ بِاجْتِهَادٍ لِلشَّفَرِ حَتَّى لَا يَغُورَ هُمَا شَيْءٌ.¹⁴وَلْيَتَعَلَّمْ مَنْ لَنَا أَيْضاً أَنْ يُمَارِسُوا أَعْمَالاً حَسَنَةً لِلْحَاجَاتِ الصَّرُورِيَّةِ حَتَّى لَا يَكُونُوا بِلَا تَمَرٍّ. يُسَلِّمُ عَلَيْكَ الَّذِينَ مَعِيَ جَمِيعاً. سَلِّمٌ عَلَى الَّذِينَ يُجِئُونَنَا فِي الْإِيمَانِ. اَللَّعْمَةُ مَعَ جَمِيعِكُمْ.

good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.¹⁵ All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.