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¹ مِنْ أَجْلِ ذَلِكَ، إِذْ لَنَا هَذِهِ الْخِدْمَةُ كَمَا رُجِمْنَا، لَا نَفْسِلُ بَلْ قَدْ رَقَصْنَا حَقَابًا الْخُرْبَى، غَيْرَ سَالِكِينَ فِي مَكْرٍ وَلَا غَاشِينَ كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ بَلْ بِإِطْهَارِ الْحَقِّ، مَا دَجِينَ أَنْفُسَنَا لَدَى صَمِيرٍ كُلِّ إِنْسَانٍ قُدَّامَ اللَّهِ.³ وَلَكِنْ إِنْ كَانَ إِنْجِيلُنَا مَكْنُومًا فَإِنَّمَا هُوَ مَكْنُومٌ فِي الْهَالِكِينَ⁴ الَّذِينَ فِيهِمْ إِلَهُ هَذَا الدَّهْرِ، قَدْ أَعْمَى أَذْهَانَ غَيْرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ لِئَلَّا تُصَيَّءَ لَهُمْ إِبَارَةُ إِنْجِيلِ مَجْدِ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي هُوَ صُورَةُ اللَّهِ.⁵ فَإِنَّمَا لَسْنَا نَكْرُرُ بِأَنْفُسِنَا بَلْ بِالْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ رَبًّا، وَلَكِنْ بِأَنْفُسِنَا عِبِيدًا لَكُمْ مِنْ أَجْلِ يَسُوعَ.⁶ لَأَنَّ اللَّهَ الَّذِي قَالَ: "أَنْ يُشْرِقَ نُورٌ مِنْ طَلَمَةٍ"، هُوَ الَّذِي أَشْرَقَ فِي قُلُوبِنَا لِإِبَارَةِ مَعْرِفَةِ مَجْدِ اللَّهِ فِي وَجْهِ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ.

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⁷ وَلَكِنْ لَنَا هَذَا الْكَثْرُ فِي أَوَانٍ خَرَفِيَّةٍ لِيَكُونَ فَضْلُ الْقُوَّةِ لِلَّهِ لَا مِنَّا،⁸ مُكْتَئِبِينَ فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ لَكِنْ غَيْرَ مُتَصَايِقِينَ، مُتَحَيِّرِينَ لَكِنْ غَيْرَ بَائِسِينَ،⁹ مُضْطَّهِدِينَ لَكِنْ غَيْرَ مَنْرُوكِينَ، مَطْرُوحِينَ لَكِنْ غَيْرَ هَالِكِينَ،¹⁰ حَامِلِينَ فِي الْجَسَدِ كُلِّ جِنِّ إِمَامَةِ الرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ لِكَيْ تُظَهَرَ حَيَاةُ يَسُوعَ أَيْضًا فِي جَسَدِنَا.¹¹ لَأَنَّا نَحْنُ الْأَحْيَاءُ نُسَلِّمُ دَائِمًا لِلْمَوْتِ مِنْ أَجْلِ يَسُوعَ لِكَيْ تُظَهَرَ حَيَاةُ يَسُوعَ أَيْضًا فِي جَسَدِنَا الْمَائِتِ.¹² إِذَا الْمَوْتُ يَعْمَلُ فِيْنَا وَلَكِنْ الْحَيَاةُ فِيكُمْ.¹³ فَإِذْ لَنَا رُوحُ الْإِيمَانِ عَيْنُهُ: "حَسَبَ الْمَكْتُوبِ آمَنْتُ، لِذَلِكَ تَكَلَّمْتُ"، نَحْنُ أَيْضًا نُؤْمِنُ وَلِذَلِكَ تَتَكَلَّمُ أَيْضًا،¹⁴ عَالِمِينَ أَنَّ الَّذِي أَقَامَ الرَّبَّ يَسُوعَ سَيَقِيمُنَا نَحْنُ أَيْضًا بِيَسُوعَ وَبُخْصَرْنَا مَعَكُمْ.¹⁵ لَأَنَّ جَمِيعَ الْأَشْيَاءِ هِيَ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ لِكَيْ تَكُونَ النِّعْمَةُ، وَهِيَ قَدْ كَثُرَتْ بِالْأَكْثَرِينَ، تَزِيدُ الشُّكْرَ لِمَجْدِ اللَّهِ.¹⁶ لِذَلِكَ لَا نَفْسِلُ بَلْ وَإِنْ كَانَ إِنْسَانُنَا الْخَارِجُ يَفْتَى، فَالِدَّاهِلُ يَتَجَدَّدُ يَوْمًا فَيَوْمًا.¹⁷ لَأَنَّ حَقَّةَ صِبْقَتِنَا الْوَقْفِيَّةِ تُشْبِهُ لَنَا أَكْثَرَ فَأَكْثَرَ ثِقَلًا مَجْدٍ أَثَرًا.¹⁸ وَنَحْنُ غَيْرُ تَاطِرِينَ إِلَى الْأَشْيَاءِ الَّتِي تُرَى بَلْ إِلَى الَّتِي لَا تُرَى، لَأَنَّ الَّتِي تُرَى وَفِيَّةٌ وَأَمَّا الَّتِي لَا تُرَى فَآبِدِيَّةٌ.

¹Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;²But we have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.³ But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:⁴In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.⁵For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.⁶For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.⁷But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.⁸We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;⁹Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;¹⁰Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.¹¹For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.¹²So then death worketh in us, but life in you.¹³We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;¹⁴Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall

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present us with you.¹⁵ For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.¹⁶ For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.¹⁷ For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;¹⁸ While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.