

الحياة في المسيح

¹فَمَاذَا تَقُولُ؟ أَتَبْقَى فِي الْخَطِيئَةِ لِكَيْ تَكْثُرَ النِّعْمَةُ؟² حَاشَا. نَحْنُ، الَّذِينَ مُتْنَا عَنِ الْخَطِيئَةِ، كَيْفَ نَعِيشُ بَعْدَ فِيهَا؟³ أَمْ تَجْهَلُونَ أَنَّنَا، كُلٌّ مَنِ اعْتَمَدَ لِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، اعْتَمَدْنَا لِمَوْتِهِ؟⁴ قَدْفُنَا مَعَهُ بِالْمَعْمُودِيَّةِ لِلْمَوْتِ حَتَّى كَمَا أَقِيمَ الْمَسِيحُ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ بِمَجْدِ الْآبِ، هَكَذَا تَسْلُكُ نَحْنُ أَيْضًا فِي جِدَّةِ الْحَيَاةِ.⁵ لِأَنَّهُ إِنْ كُنَّا قَدْ صِرْنَا مُتَّحِدِينَ مَعَهُ بِشَبْهِ مَوْتِهِ تَصِيرُ أَيْضًا بِقِيَامَتِهِ⁶ عَالَمِينَ هَذَا أَنَّ إِنْسَانَنَا الْعَتِيقَ قَدْ صُلِبَ مَعَهُ لِيُبْتَطَلَ جَسَدُ الْخَطِيئَةِ كَيْ لَا نَعُودَ نُسْتَعْبِدُ أَيْضًا لِلْخَطِيئَةِ.⁷ لِأَنَّ الَّذِي مَاتَ قَدْ تَبَرَّأَ مِنَ الْخَطِيئَةِ. فَإِنْ كُنَّا قَدْ مُتْنَا مَعَ الْمَسِيحِ نُؤْمِنُ أَنَّنَا سَنَحْيَا أَيْضًا مَعَهُ⁹ عَالَمِينَ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ بَعْدَمَا أَقِيمَ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ لَا يَمُوتُ أَيْضًا، لَا يَسُودُ عَلَيْهِ الْمَوْتُ بَعْدُ.¹⁰ لِأَنَّ الْمَوْتَ الَّذِي مَاتَهُ قَدْ مَاتَهُ لِلْخَطِيئَةِ مَرَّةً وَاحِدَةً وَالْحَيَاةُ الَّتِي يَحْيَاهَا فَيَحْيَاهَا لِلَّهِ. كَذَلِكَ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا، اخْسَبُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ أَمْوَاتًا عَنِ الْخَطِيئَةِ وَلَكِنْ أَحْيَاءَ لِلَّهِ بِالْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ رَبَّنَا.¹² إِذَا لَا تَمْلِكَنَّ الْخَطِيئَةُ فِي جَسَدِكُمْ الْمَائِتِ لِكَيْ تُطِيعُوهَا فِي شَهَوَاتِهِ،¹³ وَلَا تُقَدِّمُوا أَعْضَاءَكُمْ آلَاتِ إِبْلِيسَ لِلْخَطِيئَةِ بَلْ قَدِّمُوا ذَوَاتِكُمْ لِلَّهِ كَأَحْيَاءٍ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ وَأَعْضَاءَكُمْ آلَاتِ بَرٍّ لِلَّهِ.¹⁴ فَإِنَّ الْخَطِيئَةَ لَنْ تَسُودَكُمْ لِأَنَّكُمْ لَسْتُمْ تَحْتَ النَّامُوسِ بَلْ تَحْتَ النِّعْمَةِ.¹⁵ فَمَاذَا إِذَا؟ أَنْخَطِئُ لَأَنَّا لَسْنَا تَحْتَ النَّامُوسِ بَلْ تَحْتَ النِّعْمَةِ؟ حَاشَا.¹⁶ أَلَيْسْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ الَّذِي تُقَدِّمُونَ ذَوَاتَكُمْ لَهُ عِبِيدًا لِلطَّاعَةِ أَنْتُمْ عِبِيدُ الَّذِي تُطِيعُونَهُ، إِمَّا لِلْخَطِيئَةِ لِلْمَوْتِ أَوْ لِلطَّاعَةِ لِلْبَرِّ؟¹⁷ فَشُكْرًا لِلَّهِ أَنَّكُمْ كُنْتُمْ عِبِيدًا لِلْخَطِيئَةِ وَلَكِنَّكُمْ أَطَعْتُمْ مِنَ الْقَلْبِ صُورَةَ التَّعْلِيمِ الَّتِي تَسَلَّمْتُمُوهَا،¹⁸ وَإِذْ أُعْتِقْتُمْ مِنَ الْخَطِيئَةِ صِرْتُمْ عِبِيدًا لِلْبَرِّ. أَتَكَلِّمُ إِنْسَانِيًّا مِنْ أَجْلِ ضَعْفِ جَسَدِكُمْ. لِأَنَّهُ كَمَا قَدْمْتُمْ أَعْضَاءَكُمْ، عِبِيدًا لِلنَّجَاسَةِ وَالْإِبْلِيسِ، لِلْإِثْمِ، هَكَذَا الْآنَ قَدِّمُوا أَعْضَاءَكُمْ، عِبِيدًا لِلْبَرِّ، لِلْقُدَّاسَةِ.²⁰ لِأَنَّكُمْ لَمَّا كُنْتُمْ عِبِيدَ الْخَطِيئَةِ كُنْتُمْ أَحْرَارًا مِنَ الْبَرِّ.²¹ فَأَيُّ ثَمَرٍ كَانَ لَكُمْ حِينَئِذٍ مِنَ الْأُمُورِ الَّتِي تَسْتَحُونَ بِهَا الْآنَ؟ لِأَنَّ نِهَايَةَ ثَلَاثِ الْأُمُورِ هِيَ الْمَوْتُ.²² وَأَمَّا الْآنَ، إِذْ أُعْتِقْتُمْ مِنَ الْخَطِيئَةِ وَصِرْتُمْ عِبِيدًا لِلَّهِ، فَلَكُمْ ثَمَرُكُمْ لِلْقُدَّاسَةِ وَالتَّهَابَةِ حَيَاةً أَبَدِيَّةً.²³ لِأَنَّ أَجْرَةَ الْخَطِيئَةِ هِيَ مَوْتُ، وَأَمَّا هِبَةُ اللَّهِ فَهِيَ حَيَاةٌ أَبَدِيَّةٌ بِالْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ رَبَّنَا.

¹What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?² God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?³ Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?⁴ Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.⁵ For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:⁶ Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.⁷ For he that is dead is freed from sin.⁸ Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.¹⁰ For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.¹¹ Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.¹³ Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.¹⁴ For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.¹⁵ What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.¹⁶ Know ye not,

that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?¹⁷ But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.¹⁸ Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.¹⁹ I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.²⁰ For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.²¹ What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.²² But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.²³ For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.