

¹Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,²That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.³Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;⁴Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.⁵Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.⁷For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.⁸And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,¹⁰And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.¹¹And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:¹²That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.¹³But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the

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¹نَحْنُ نَسْأَلُكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الإِخْوَةُ، مِنْ جِهَةِ مَجِيءِ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ وَاجْتِمَاعِنَا إِلَيْهِ، أَنْ لَا تَتَرَعَّرْغُوا سَرِيعاً عَنْ ذَهْنِكُمْ وَلَا تَتَرَاغُوا، لَا بِرُوحٍ وَلَا بِكَلِمَةٍ وَلَا بِرِسَالَةٍ كَأَنَّهَا مِنَّا، أَيْ أَنَّ يَوْمَ الْمَسِيحِ قَدْ حَضَرَ.³ لَا يَحْدَعُكُمْ أَحَدٌ عَلَى طَرِيقَةٍ مَا، لِأَنَّهُ لَا يَأْتِي إِنْ لَمْ يَأْتِ الإِزْدَادُ أَوَّلًا وَيُسْتَعْلَنَ إِنْسَانُ الْخَطِيئَةِ، ابْنُ الْهَلَاكِ،⁴ الْمُقَاوِمُ وَالْمُرْتَفِعُ عَلَى كُلِّ مَا يُدْعَى إِلَهاً أَوْ مَعْبُوداً، حَتَّى إِنَّهُ يَجْلِسُ فِي هَيْكَلِ اللَّهِ كَأَلِهِ مُظْهِراً نَفْسَهُ أَنَّهُ إِلَهٌ.⁵ أَمَا تَذْكُرُونَ أَنِّي، وَأَنَا بَعْدُ عِنْدَكُمْ، كُنْتُ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ هَذَا؟⁶ وَالْآنَ تَعْلَمُونَ مَا يَحْجِزُ حَتَّى يُسْتَعْلَنَ فِي وَقْتِهِ. لِأَنَّ سِرَّ الإِثْمِ الْآنَ يَعْمَلُ فَقَطْ إِلَى أَنْ يُزْفَعَ مِنَ الْوَسْطِ، الَّذِي يَحْجِزُ الْآنَ،⁸ وَجَيِّئِذٍ سَيُسْتَعْلَنُ الْإِثْمُ الَّذِي الرَّبُّ يُبْدُهُ بِفَتْحَةٍ قَمِهِ وَيَبْطُلُهُ بِظُهُورِ مَجِيئِهِ،⁹ الَّذِي مَجِيئُهُ يَعْمَلُ الشَّيْطَانِ بِكُلِّ قُوَّةٍ وَبِآيَاتٍ وَعَجَائِبٍ كاذِبَةٍ.¹⁰ وَبِكُلِّ خَدِيعَةِ الإِثْمِ فِي الْهَالِكِينَ، لِأَنَّهُمْ لَمْ يَقْبَلُوا مَحَبَّةَ الْحَقِّ حَتَّى يَخْلُصُوا.¹¹ وَلِأَجْلِ هَذَا سَيُرْسِلُ إِلَيْهِمُ اللَّهُ عَمَلَ الضَّلَالِ حَتَّى يُضْذَقُوا الْكَذِبَ،¹² لِكَيْ يُدَانَ جَمِيعُ الَّذِينَ لَمْ يُضْذَقُوا الْحَقَّ بَلَّ سُرُوا بِالْإِثْمِ.

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¹³وَأَمَّا نَحْنُ، فَيُتَبَغْي لَنَا أَنْ نَشْكُرَ اللَّهَ كُلَّ حِينٍ لِأَجْلِكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الإِخْوَةُ الْمُحِبُّونَ مِنَ الرَّبِّ، أَنَّ اللَّهَ اخْتَارَكُمْ مِنَ الْبَدْءِ لِلْخَلَاصِ، بِتَقْدِيسِ الرُّوحِ وَتَضَدِيقِ الْحَقِّ،¹⁴ الْأَمْرُ الَّذِي دَعَاكُمْ إِلَيْهِ بِإِنْجِيلِنَا لِأَقْنَاءِ مَجْدِ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ. فَانْبُتُوا إِذَا، أَيُّهَا الإِخْوَةُ، وَتَمَسَّكُوا بِالتَّعَالِيمِ الَّتِي تَعَلَّمْتُمُوهَا، سَوَاءً كَانَ بِالْكَلَامِ أَمْ بِرِسَالَتِنَا.¹⁶ وَرَبَّنَا نَعْسُهُ، يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ، وَاللَّهُ أَبُوتَا، الَّذِي أَحَبَّنَا وَأَعْطَانَا عَزَاءً أَبَدِيًّا وَرَجَاءً صَالِحًا بِالنِّعْمَةِ،¹⁷ يَعْزِي قُلُوبَكُمْ وَيُسَبِّحُكُمْ فِي كُلِّ كَلَامٍ وَعَمَلٍ صَالِحٍ.

Spirit and belief of the truth:¹⁴ Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.¹⁵ Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.¹⁶ Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,¹⁷ Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.