

¹وَلَكِنِّي جَزَمْتُ بِهَذَا فِي نَفْسِي أَنْ لَا آتِيَ إِلَيْكُمْ أَيْضًا فِي حُزْنٍ. ²لَأَنَّهُ إِنْ كُنْتُ أُحْزِنُكُمْ أَنَا، فَمَنْ هُوَ الَّذِي يُفْرَحُنِي إِلَّا الَّذِي أُحْزِنْتُهُ؟ ³وَكَتَبْتُ لَكُمْ هَذَا عَيْنُهُ خَلَّى إِذَا جِئْتُ لَا يَكُونُ لِي حُزْنٌ مِنَ الَّذِينَ كَانَ يَجِبُ أَنْ أَفْرَحَ بِهِمْ وَإِنَّمَا بِجَمِيعِكُمْ أَنَّ فَرَحِي هُوَ فَرَحُ جَمِيعِكُمْ. ⁴لَأَنِّي مِنْ حُزْنٍ كَثِيرٍ وَكَاتَبْتُ قَلْبَ كَتَبْتُ إِلَيْكُمْ بِدُمُوعٍ كَثِيرَةٍ، لَا لِكَيْ تَحْزِنُوا بَلْ لِكَيْ تَعْرِفُوا الْمَحَبَّةَ الَّتِي عِنْدِي وَلَا سِيَّمَا مِنْ تَحَوُّكُمْ.

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⁵وَلَكِنْ إِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ قَدْ أُحْزِنَ فَإِنَّهُ لَمْ يُحْزِنِي بَلْ أُحْزِنَ جَمِيعَكُمْ بَعْضُ الْحُزْنِ لِكَيْ لَا أَتَقَلَّ. ⁶مِثْلُ هَذَا يَكْفِيهِ هَذَا الْقِصَاصُ الَّذِي مِنَ الْأَكْثَرِينَ خَلَّى تَكُونُوا بِالْعَكْسِ، تُسَامِحُونَهُ بِالْحَرِيِّ وَتُعْزُّوهُ، لِئَلَّا يَتَلَعَّ مِثْلُ هَذَا مِنَ الْحُزْنِ الْمُفْرِطِ. ⁸بِذَلِكَ أَطْلُبُ أَنْ تُمَكِّنُوا لَهُ الْمَحَبَّةَ، ⁹لَأَنِّي لِهَذَا كَتَبْتُ لِكَيْ أَعْرِفَ تَرْكِتَكُمْ، هَلْ أَنْتُمْ طَائِعُونَ فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ.

¹⁰وَالَّذِي تُسَامِحُونَهُ بِشَيْءٍ فَأَنَا أَيْضًا، لَأَنِّي أَنَا مَا سَامَحْتُ بِهِ، إِنْ كُنْتُ قَدْ سَامَحْتُ بِشَيْءٍ، فَمِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ بِخَصْرَةِ الْمَسِيحِ ¹¹لِئَلَّا يَطْمَعَ فِيْنَا الشَّيْطَانُ، لِأَنَّا لَا نَجْهَلُ أَفْكَارَهُ.

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¹²وَلَكِنْ لَمَّا جِئْتُ إِلَى تَرْوَاسَ لِأَجْلِ إِنْجِيلِ الْمَسِيحِ وَأَفْتَحَ لِي بَابٌ فِي الرَّبِّ، ¹³لَمْ تَكُنْ لِي رَاحَةً فِي رُوحِي لَأَنِّي لَمْ أَجِدْ تَيْطَلَسَ أَجِي، لَكِنْ وَدَّعْتُهُمْ فَخَرَجْتُ إِلَى مَكِدُونِيَّةَ.

¹⁴وَلَكِنْ شُكْرًا لِلَّهِ الَّذِي يَقُودُنَا فِي مَوْكِبِ نُصْرَتِهِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ كُلِّ جِينٍ وَيُظْهِرُ بِنَا رَائِحَةَ مَعْرِفَتِهِ فِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ. ¹⁵لَأَنَّا رَائِحَةُ الْمَسِيحِ الدَّكِيَّةِ لِلَّهِ فِي الَّذِينَ يَخْلُصُونَ وَفِي الَّذِينَ يَهْلِكُونَ، ¹⁶لَهُؤُلَاءِ رَائِحَةُ مَوْتٍ لِمَوْتٍ وَلِأُولَئِكَ رَائِحَةُ حَيَاةٍ لِحَيَاةٍ، وَمَنْ هُوَ كُفُوهُ لِهَذِهِ الْأُمُورِ؟ ¹⁷لَأَنَّا لَسْنَا كَالْكَثِيرِينَ عَاسِينَ كَلِمَةِ اللَّهِ لَكِنْ كَمَا مِنْ إِخْلَاصٍ، بَلْ كَمَا مِنَ اللَّهِ تَتَكَلَّمُ أَمَامَ اللَّهِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ.

¹But I determined this with myself, that I would not come again to you in heaviness. ²For if I make you sorry, who is he then that maketh me glad, but the same which is made sorry by me? ³And I wrote this same unto you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is the joy of you all. ⁴For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you. ⁵But if any have caused grief, he hath not grieved me, but in part: that I may not overcharge you all. ⁶Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many. ⁷So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow. ⁸Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him. ⁹For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things. ¹⁰To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ; ¹¹Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices. ¹²Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord, ¹³I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Macedonia. ¹⁴Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh

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manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.¹⁵ For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish:¹⁶ To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?¹⁷ For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.