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¹ وَأَنْتُمْ إِذْ كُنْتُمْ أَمْوَانًا بِالذُّنُوبِ وَالْخَطَايَا² الَّتِي سَلَكْتُمْ فِيهَا قَبْلًا حَسَبَ دَهْرِ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ، حَسَبَ رَئِيسِ سُلْطَانِ الْهَوَاءِ، الرُّوحِ الَّذِي يَعْمَلُ الْآنَ فِي أَبْنَاءِ الْمَعْصِيَةِ³ الَّذِينَ تَحْنُ أَيْضًا جَمِيعًا تَصَرُّفَنَا قَبْلًا بَيْنَهُمْ فِي شَهَوَاتِ جَسَدِنَا غَامِلِينَ مَشِيئَاتِ الْجَسَدِ وَالْأَفْكَارِ وَكُنَّا بِالطَّبِيعَةِ أَبْنَاءَ الْعَصَبِ كَالْبَاقِينَ أَيْضًا،⁴ اللَّهُ، الَّذِي هُوَ غَنِي فِي الرَّحْمَةِ مِنْ أَجْلِ مَحَبَّتِهِ الْكَثِيرَةِ الَّتِي أَحَبَّنَا بِهَا،⁵ وَتَحْنُ أَمْوَانٌ بِالْخَطَايَا أَحْيَاَنَا مَعَ الْمَسِيحِ، بِالنَّعْمَةِ أَنْتُمْ مُخَلَّصُونَ،⁶ وَأَقَامَنَا مَعَهُ وَأَجَلَسْنَا مَعَهُ فِي السَّمَاوِيَّاتِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ لِيُظْهَرَ فِي الدُّهُورِ الْآتِيَةِ غِنَى نِعَمَتِهِ الْفَائِقِ بِاللَّطْفِ عَلَيْنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ.⁸ لَأَنْتُمْ بِالنَّعْمَةِ مُخَلَّصُونَ بِالْإِيمَانِ، وَذَلِكَ لَيْسَ مِنْكُمْ، هُوَ عَطِيَّةُ اللَّهِ،⁹ لَيْسَ مِنْ أَعْمَالٍ كَيْ لَا يَفْتَخِرَ أَحَدٌ.¹⁰ لَأَنَّا تَحْنُ عَمَلُهُ مَخْلُوقِينَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ لِأَعْمَالٍ صَالِحَةٍ قَدْ سَبَقَ اللَّهُ فَاعَدَّهَا لِكَيْ تَسْلُكَ فِيهَا.

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¹¹ لِذَلِكَ اذْكُرُوا أَنْتُمْ أَنْتُمْ، الْأَمَمَ قَبْلًا فِي الْجَسَدِ، الْمَدْعُودِينَ غُرْلَةً مِنَ الْمَدْعُودِ خِتَانًا مَصْنُوعًا بِالْيَدِ فِي الْجَسَدِ، أَنْتُمْ كُنْتُمْ فِي ذَلِكَ الْوَقْتِ يَدُونَ مَسِيحَ أَجْتَبَيْنَ عَنْ رِعْوِيَّةِ إِسْرَائِيلَ وَغُرَبَاءَ عَنْ غُهْدِ الْمُوْعِدِ، لَا رَجَاءَ لَكُمْ وَبِلَا إِلَهٍ فِي الْعَالَمِ،¹³ وَلَكِنْ الْآنَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ أَنْتُمْ، الَّذِينَ كُنْتُمْ قَبْلًا بَعِيدِينَ، صِرْتُمْ قَرِيبِينَ بِدَمِ الْمَسِيحِ،¹⁴ لِأَنَّهُ هُوَ سَلَامُنَا الَّذِي جَعَلَ الْإِنْسَانَ وَاحِدًا وَتَقَصَّ خَائِنَةُ السَّيَاحِ الْمُتَوَسِّطِ،¹⁵ أَيْ الْعَدَاوَةِ، مُبْطِلًا بِجَسَدِهِ تَامُوسَ الْوَصَايَا فِي قَرَائِنَ لِكَيْ يَخْلُقَ الْإِنْسَانَ فِي نَفْسِهِ إِنْسَانًا وَاحِدًا جَدِيدًا، صَانِعًا سَلَامًا،¹⁶ وَبُصَالِحِ الْإِنْسَانِ فِي جَسَدٍ وَاحِدٍ مَعَ اللَّهِ بِالصَّلِيبِ، قَاتِلًا الْعَدَاوَةَ بِهِ.¹⁷ فَجَاءَ وَبَشَّرَكُمْ بِسَلَامٍ، أَنْتُمْ الْبَعِيدِينَ وَالْقَرِيبِينَ،¹⁸ لِأَنَّ بِهِ لَنَا كَلِيَّتًا قُدُومًا فِي رُوحٍ وَاحِدٍ إِلَى الْآبِ.¹⁹ فَلَسْنُمْ إِذَا بَعْدَ غُرَبَاءَ وَنُزُلًا بَلْ رَعِيَّةُ مَعَ الْقُدِّيسِينَ وَأَهْلَ بَيْتِ اللَّهِ،²⁰ مَبْنِيِّينَ عَلَى أَسَاسِ الرُّسُلِ وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ نَفْسُهُ، حَجَرِ الزَّائِرَةِ،²¹ الَّذِي فِيهِ كُلُّ الْبِنَاءِ مُرَكَّبًا مَعًا يَبْنُو هَيْكَلًا مُقَدَّسًا فِي الرَّبِّ،²² الَّذِي فِيهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا مَبْنِيُونَ مَعًا، مَسْكَنًا لِلَّهِ فِي الرُّوحِ.

¹ And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;² Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:³ Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,⁵ Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)⁶ And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:⁷ That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:⁹ Not of works, lest any man should boast.¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.¹¹ Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;¹² That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:¹³ But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.¹⁴ For he is our peace, who hath

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made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;¹⁵ Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;¹⁶ And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:¹⁷ And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.¹⁸ For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.¹⁹ Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;²⁰ And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;²¹ In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:²² In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.