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¹فَكُونُوا مُتَمَثِّلِينَ بِاللَّهِ كَأَوْلَادٍ أَحِبَّاءَ،² وَاسْلُكُوا فِي الْمَحَبَّةِ كَمَا أَحَبَّنَا الْمَسِيحُ أَيْضاً وَأَسْلَمَ نَفْسَهُ لَأَجْلِنَا، قُرْبَاناً وَذَبِيحَةً لِلَّهِ، رَائِحَةً طَيِّبَةً.

³وَأَمَّا الزُّنَا وَكُلُّ تَجَاسٍ أَوْ طَمَعٍ فَلَا يُسَمِّ بَيْنَكُمْ، كَمَا يَلِيقُ بِقِدِّيسِينَ،⁴ وَلَا الْقَبَاحُ وَلَا كَلَامُ السَّفَاهَةِ وَالْهَزْلِ، الَّتِي لَا يَلِيقُ، بَلْ بِالْحَرِيِّ السُّكْرِ.⁵ فَإِنَّكُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ هَذَا: أَنَّ كُلَّ زَانٍ أَوْ تَجَسٍّ أَوْ طَمَاعٍ، الَّذِي هُوَ عَائِدٌ لِلأَوْتَانِ، لَيْسَ لَهُ مِيرَاثٌ فِي مَلَكُوتِ الْمَسِيحِ وَاللَّهِ،⁶ لَا يَغْرَكُمْ أَحَدٌ بِكَلَامٍ بَاطِلٍ، لِأَنَّهُ يَسَبِّبُ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورَ يَأْتِي غَضَبُ اللَّهِ عَلَى أَيْتَاءِ الْمَعْصِيَةِ.⁷ فَلَا تَكُونُوا شُرَكَاءَ هُمْ،⁸ لِأَنَّكُمْ كُنْتُمْ قَبْلًا طُلُمَةً وَأَمَّا الْآنَ فَتُورُ فِي الرَّبِّ، اسْلُكُوا كَأَوْلَادٍ نُورٍ،⁹ لِأَنَّ تَمَرَّ الرُّوحِ هُوَ فِي كُلِّ صَلَاحٍ وَبِرٍّ وَحَقٍّ،¹⁰ مُخْتَبِرِينَ مَا هُوَ مَرْضِيٌّ عِنْدَ الرَّبِّ،¹¹ وَلَا تَسْتَرِكُوا فِي أَعْمَالِ الظُّلُمَةِ غَيْرِ الْمُتَوَرِّةِ بَلْ بِالْحَرِيِّ وَتُخَوِّهَا.¹² لِأَنَّ الْأُمُورَ الْحَادِثَةَ مِنْهُمْ سِرّاً ذِكْرُهَا أَيْضاً قُبِيحٌ،¹³ وَلَكِنَّ الْكُلَّ، إِذَا تَوَجَّعَ، يُظْهَرُ بِالنُّورِ، لِأَنَّ كُلَّ مَا أَظْهَرَ فَهُوَ نُورٌ.¹⁴ لِذَلِكَ يَقُولُ: اسْتَيْقِظْ، أَيُّهَا النَّائِمُ، وَفُضِّمْ مِنَ الْأَمَوَاتِ، قُبْضِيَّةَ لَكَ الْمَسِيحِ.

¹⁵فَاسْطُزُوا كَيْفَ تَسْلُكُونَ بِاللَّذِيقِ، لَا كَهَلَاءٍ بَلْ كَحُكَمَاءَ،¹⁶ مُفْتَدِينَ الْوَقْتَ لِأَنَّ الْآيَاتِ شَرِيرَةٌ.¹⁷ مِنْ أَجْلِ ذَلِكَ لَا تَكُونُوا أَعْيَاءَ بَلْ فَاهِمِينَ مَا هِيَ مَشِيئَةُ الرَّبِّ.¹⁸ وَلَا تَسْكُرُوا بِالخَمْرِ، الَّذِي فِيهِ الْخَلَاعَةُ، بَلْ امْتَلِئُوا بِالرُّوحِ¹⁹ مُكَلِّمِينَ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضاً بِمَزَامِيرَ وَتَسَابِيحَ وَأَغَانِي رُوحِيَّةٍ، مُتَرَنِّمِينَ وَمُزْتَمِّلِينَ فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ لِلرَّبِّ،²⁰ شَاكِرِينَ كُلَّ حِينٍ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ فِي اسْمِ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ لِلَّهِ وَالْآبِ،²¹ خَاضِعِينَ بَعْضُكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ فِي خَوْفِ اللَّهِ.

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²²أَيُّهَا النِّسَاءُ، اخْضَعْنَ لِرِجَالِكُنَّ كَمَا لِلرَّبِّ²³ لِأَنَّ الرَّجُلَ هُوَ رَأْسُ الْمَرْأَةِ كَمَا أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ أَيْضاً رَأْسُ الْكَنِيسَةِ، وَهُوَ مُخْلَصُ الْجَسَدِ.²⁴ وَلَكِنْ كَمَا تَخْضَعُ الْكَنِيسَةُ لِلْمَسِيحِ كَذَلِكَ النِّسَاءُ لِرِجَالِهِنَّ فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ.²⁵ أَيُّهَا الرِّجَالُ، أَحِبُّوا نِسَاءَكُمْ كَمَا أَحَبَّ الْمَسِيحُ أَيْضاً الْكَنِيسَةَ وَأَسْلَمَ نَفْسَهُ لَأَجْلِهَا²⁶ لِكَيْ يُقَدِّسَهَا، مُطَهِّراً إِيَّاهَا بِغَسْلِ الْمَاءِ بِالْكَلِمَةِ،²⁷ لِكَيْ يُخَصِّرَهَا لِنَفْسِهِ كَنِيسَةً مَجِيدَةً، لَا دَسَنَ فِيهَا وَلَا غَضَنَ أَوْ شَيْءٌ مِنْ مِثْلِ ذَلِكَ بَلْ تَكُونُ مُقَدَّسَةً وَبِلاَ عَيْبٍ.²⁸ كَذَلِكَ يَجِبُ عَلَى الرِّجَالِ أَنْ يُحِبُّوا نِسَاءَهُمْ

¹Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;²And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.³But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;⁴Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.⁵For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.⁶Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.⁷Be not ye therefore partakers with them.⁸For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)¹⁰Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.¹¹And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.¹²For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.¹³But all things that are reprovèd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.¹⁴Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.¹⁵See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,¹⁶Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.¹⁷Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the

كَأَجْسَادِهِمْ. مَنْ يُجِبُّ امْرَأَتَهُ يُجِبُّ نَفْسَهُ، فَإِنَّهُ لَمْ
يُبْعِضْ أَحَدٌ جَسَدَهُ قَطُّ بَلْ يَفُوتُهُ وَيُرَبِّيهِ كَمَا الرَّبُّ أَيْضاً
لِلْكَنِيسَةِ. ³⁰لَأَنَّا أَعْصَاءُ جَسَمِهِ، مِنْ لَحْمِهِ وَمِنْ
عِظَامِهِ. ³¹مَنْ أَجْلُ هَذَا يَتْرُكُ الرَّجُلُ أَبَاهُ وَأُمَّهُ وَيَلْتَصِقُ
بِامْرَأَتِهِ وَيَكُونُ الْإِثْنَانُ جَسَداً وَاحِداً. ³²هَذَا السِّرُّ عَظِيمٌ،
وَلَكِنِّي أَنَا أَقُولُ مِنْ نَحْوِ الْمَسِيحِ وَالْكَنِيسَةِ. ³³وَأَمَّا أَنْتُمْ
الْأَفْرَادُ، فَلْيُجِبْ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ امْرَأَتَهُ هَكَذَا كَتَفْسِهِ، وَأَمَّا
الْمَرْأَةُ فَلْتَهَبْ رَجُلَهَا.

Lord is. ¹⁸And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; ¹⁹Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; ²⁰Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; ²¹Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. ²²Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. ²⁴Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; ²⁶That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. ²⁸So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. ²⁹For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: ³⁰For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. ³¹For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. ³²This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. ³³Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.