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¹ قَانْتَبُوا إِذَا فِي الْخُرْبَةِ الَّتِي قَدْ حَرَّرَنَا الْمَسِيحُ بِهَا وَلَا تَرْتَبِكُوا أَيْضاً بِبِيرِ عُيُوبَةٍ.² هَا أَنَا بُولُسُ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّهُ إِنْ اخْتَسَنْتُمْ لَا يَنْفَعَكُمْ الْمَسِيحُ شَيْئاً،³ لَكِنْ أَشْهَدُ أَيْضاً لِكُلِّ إِنْسَانٍ مُحْتَسِبٍ أَنَّهُ مُلتَزِمٌ أَنْ يَعْمَلَ بِكُلِّ النَّامُوسِ.⁴ قَدْ تَبَطَّلْتُمْ عَنِ الْمَسِيحِ، أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ تَبَرَّزُونَ بِالنَّامُوسِ، سَقَطْتُمْ مِنَ النِّعْمَةِ.⁵ فَإِنَّا بِالرُّوحِ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ تَتَوَقَّعُ رَجَاءً يَرَى. لَأَنَّهُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ لَا الْخِتَانُ يَنْفَعُ شَيْئاً وَلَا الْغُرْلَةُ بَلِ الْإِيمَانُ الْعَامِلُ بِالْمَحَبَّةِ.⁷ كُنْتُمْ تَسْعَوْنَ حَسَنًا، فَمَنْ صَدَّكُمْ حَتَّى لَا تُطَاوِعُوا لِلْحَقِّ؟⁸ هَذِهِ الْمُطَاوَعَةُ لَيْسَتْ مِنَ الَّذِي دَعَاكُمْ.⁹ حَمِيرَةٌ صَغِيرَةٌ تَحْمَرُّ الْعَجِينَ كُلَّهُ.¹⁰ وَلَكِنِّي أَتَقِيكُمْ فِي الرَّبِّ أَتُكْمُ لَا تَفْتَكِرُونَ شَيْئاً آخَرَ، وَلَكِنَّ الَّذِي يُرْعِيكُمْ سَيَحْمِلُ الذَّنْبَ، أَيَّ مَنْ كَانَ.¹¹ وَأَمَّا أَنَا، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، فَإِنْ كُنْتُ بَعْدُ أَكْرُرُ بِالْخِتَانِ فِلِمَادًا أَصْطَهَدُ بَعْدُ؟ إِذَا عَثَرَهُ الصَّلِيبُ قَدْ بَطَلَتْ.¹² يَا لَيْتَ الَّذِينَ يُفْلِقُونَكُمْ يَقْطَعُونَ أَيْضاً.

¹³ فَإِنَّكُمْ إِنَّمَا دُعِيتُمْ لِلْخُرْبَةِ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، غَيْرَ أَنَّهُ لَا تُصَبِّرُوا الْخُرْبَةَ فُرْصَةً لِلْجَسَدِ بَلِ بِالْمَحَبَّةِ اخْدُمُوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا. لَأَنَّ كُلَّ النَّامُوسِ فِي كَلِمَةٍ وَاحِدَةٍ يُكْمَلُ: "تُحِبُّ قَرِيبَكَ كَنَفْسِكَ".¹⁵ فَإِذَا كُنْتُمْ تَنْهَشُونَ وَتَأْكُلُونَ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا قَانْطَرُوا لِيَلَّا تُفْنُوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا.

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¹⁶ وَإِنَّمَا أَقُولُ: اسْلُكُوا بِالرُّوحِ فَلَا تُكْمَلُوا سَهْوَةَ الْجَسَدِ. لَأَنَّ الْجَسَدَ يَسْتَهِي ضِدَّ الرُّوحِ وَالرُّوحُ ضِدَّ الْجَسَدِ، وَهَذَانِ يُقَاوِمُ أَحَدُهُمَا الْآخَرَ حَتَّى تَفْعَلُوا مَا لَا تُرِيدُونَ. وَلَكِنْ إِذَا انْقَدْتُمْ بِالرُّوحِ فَلَسْتُمْ تَحْتَ النَّامُوسِ.¹⁹ وَأَعْمَالُ الْجَسَدِ طَاهِرَةٌ الَّتِي هِيَ: زَنَى، غَهَارَةٌ، تَخَاسُّهُ، دَعَارَةٌ،²⁰ عِبَادَةُ الْأَوْتَانِ، سِحْرٌ، عِدَاوَةٌ، خِصَامٌ، غَيْرَةٌ، سَخَطٌ، تَحَرُّبٌ، شِقَاقٌ، بِدْعَةٌ،²¹ حَسَدٌ، قَتْلٌ، سُكْرٌ، بَطَرٌ، وَأَمْثَالُ هَذِهِ الَّتِي أَسْبَقُ قَافُولُ لَكُمْ عَنْهَا كَمَا سَبَقْتُ فَقُلْتُ أَيْضاً: إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَفْعَلُونَ مِثْلَ هَذِهِ لَا يَرْتَبُونَ مَلَكَوَتَ اللَّهِ.²² وَأَمَّا ثَمَرُ الرُّوحِ فَهُوَ: مَحَبَّةٌ، قَرَحٌ، سَلَامٌ، طَوْلٌ أُنَافٍ، لُطْفٌ، صِلَاحٌ، إِيْمَانٌ،²³ وَدَاعَةٌ، تَعَقُّفٌ، ضِدَّ أَمْثَالِ هَذِهِ لَيْسَ تَامُوسٌ.²⁴ وَلَكِنَّ الَّذِينَ هُمْ لِلْمَسِيحِ قَدْ صَلَبُوا الْجَسَدَ مَعَ الْأَهْوَاءِ وَالسَّهْوَاتِ.²⁵ إِنْ كُنَّا نَعِيشُ بِالرُّوحِ فَلَنَسْلُكُ أَيْضاً بِحَسَبِ الرُّوحِ.²⁶ لَا تَكُنْ مُعْجِبِينَ نِعَاصِبَ بَعْضُنَا بَعْضًا وَتَحْسِدُ بَعْضُنَا بَعْضًا.

¹ Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.² Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.³ For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.⁴ Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.⁵ For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.⁶ For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.⁷ Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?⁸ This persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you.⁹ A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.¹⁰ I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.¹¹ And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offence of the cross ceased.¹² I would they were even cut off which trouble you.¹³ For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.¹⁴ For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.¹⁵ But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.¹⁶ This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.¹⁷ For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so

that ye cannot do the things that ye would.¹⁸ But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,²⁰ Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,²¹ Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,²³ Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.²⁴ And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.²⁶ Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.