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¹ فَأَطْلُبُ إِلَيْكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الإِخْوَةُ، بِرَأْفَةِ اللَّهِ أَنْ تُقَدِّمُوا أَجْسَادَكُمْ ذَبِيحَةً حَيَّةً، مُقَدَّسَةً، مَرْضِيَّةً عِنْدَ اللَّهِ، عِبَادَتَكُمْ الْعَقْلِيَّةَ. ² وَلَا تُشَاكِلُوا هَذَا الدَّهْرَ، بَلْ تَعَيَّرُوا عَنْ سَكَلِكُمْ بِتَجْدِيدِ أَذْهَانِكُمْ، لِتَحْتَبِرُوا مَا هِيَ إِرَادَةُ اللَّهِ الصَّالِحَةُ الْمَرْضِيَّةُ الْكَامِلَةُ. ³ فَإِنِّي أَقُولُ بِالنَّعْمَةِ الْمُعْطَاةِ لِي لِكُلِّ مَنْ هُوَ بَيْنَكُمْ: أَنِّي لَا يَزِنَنِي قُوَّةٌ مَا يَنْبَغِي أَنْ يَزِنَنِي، بَلْ يَزِنَنِي إِلَى التَّعَقُّلِ كَمَا قَسَمَ اللَّهُ لِكُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مِقْدَاراً مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ. ⁴ فَإِنَّهُ كَمَا فِي جَسَدٍ وَاحِدٍ لَنَا أَعْضَاءُ كَثِيرَةٌ وَلَكِنْ لَيْسَ جَمِيعُ الْأَعْضَاءِ لَهَا عَمَلٌ وَاحِدٌ، هَكَذَا نَحْنُ الْكَثِيرِينَ، جَسَدٌ وَاحِدٌ فِي الْمَسِيحِ وَأَعْضَاءُ بَعْضاً لِبَعْضٍ، كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ لِلْآخَرِ، وَلَكِنْ لَنَا مَوَاهِبُ مُخْتَلِفَةٌ يَحَسِبُ النَّعْمَةُ الْمُعْطَاةَ لَنَا. ⁵ أُنَبِّؤُهُ فَإِنَّ النَّسَبَةَ إِلَى الْإِيمَانِ، ⁷ أَمْ خِدْمَتُهُ فِي الْخِدْمَةِ، أَمْ الْمُعْلَمُ فِي التَّعْلِيمِ، ⁸ أَمْ الْوَاعِظُ فِي الْوَعْظِ، الْمُعْطِي فَيَسْخَأُ، الْمُذَبِّرُ فَيَاجْتَنِبُ، الرَّاحِمُ فَيَسُرُّ.

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⁹ الْمَحَبَّةُ فَلْتَكُنْ لِأَرْبَاءِ، كُونُوا كَارِهِينَ الشَّرِّ، مُتَلَصِّقِينَ بِالْخَيْرِ، ¹⁰ وَأَذِينَ بَعْضُكُمْ بِبَعْضٍ بِالصَّحَبَةِ الْأَخَوِيَّةِ، مُقَدِّمِينَ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضاً فِي الْكِرَامَةِ، ¹¹ غَيْرَ مُتَكَاسِلِينَ فِي الْإِجْتِهَادِ، خَارِبِينَ فِي الرُّوحِ، غَائِبِينَ الرَّبِّ، ¹² قَرَجِينَ فِي الرَّجَاءِ، صَابِرِينَ فِي الصَّبْرِ، مُوَاطِئِينَ عَلَى الصَّلَاةِ، ¹³ مُسْتَشْرِكِينَ فِي اخْتِيجَاتِ الْقَدِيسِينَ، عَاكِفِينَ عَلَى إِصَافَةِ الْغُرَبَاءِ. ¹⁴ بَارِكُوا عَلَى الَّذِينَ يَصْطَهِدُونَكُمْ، بَارِكُوا وَلَا تَلْعَنُوا. ¹⁵ قَرَحاً مَعَ الْقَرَجِينَ وَنُكَاءً مَعَ الْبَاكِينَ. ¹⁶ مُهْتَمِّينَ بَعْضُكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ اهْتِمَاماً وَاحِداً غَيْرَ مُهْتَمِّينَ بِالْأُمُورِ الْعَالِيَةِ بَلْ مُنْقَابِينَ إِلَى الْمُتَضَعِينَ. لَا تَكُونُوا حُكَمَاءَ عِنْدَ أَنْفُسِكُمْ. ¹⁷ لَا تُجَاوِزُوا أَحْداً عَنْ شَرِّ بَشَرٍ، مُعْتَنِينَ بِأُمُورٍ خَسَنَةٍ قُدَّامَ جَمِيعِ النَّاسِ. ¹⁸ إِنْ كَانَ مُمَكِّناً فَحَسَبَ طَاقَتِكُمْ سَالِمُوا جَمِيعَ النَّاسِ. ¹⁹ لَا تَتَّقُوا لِأَنْفُسِكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْأَحِبَّاءُ، بَلْ أَعْطُوا مَكَاناً لِلْعَصَبِ، لِأَنَّهُ مَكْتُوبٌ: "لِيَ الْبَقْعَةُ أَنَا أَجَارِي، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ". ²⁰ فَإِنْ جَاعَ عَذْوُكَ فَأَطْعِمْهُ، وَإِنْ عَطِشَ فَاسْقِهِ، لِأَنَّكَ إِنْ فَعَلْتَ هَذَا تَجْمَعُ جَمْرٌ تَارٍ عَلَى رَأْسِهِ. ²¹ لَا يَغْلِبَنَّكَ الشَّرُّ بَلْ اغْلِبِ الشَّرَّ بِالْخَيْرِ.

¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. ² And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. ³ For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. ⁴ For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: ⁵ So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. ⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; ⁷ Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; ⁸ Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. ⁹ Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. ¹⁰ Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; ¹¹ Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; ¹² Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; ¹³ Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. ¹⁵ Rejoice with

them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.¹⁶ Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.¹⁷ Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.¹⁸ If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.¹⁹ Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.²⁰ Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.²¹ Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.