

¹For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;²That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;³In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.⁴And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.⁵For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.⁶As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:⁷Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.⁸Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.⁹For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.¹⁰And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:¹¹In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ.¹²Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.¹³And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;¹⁴Blotting out

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¹فَلْيَبْتَ أَيُّدُكُمْ أَنْ تَعْلَمُوا أَنِّي جِهَادٌ لِي لِأَجْلِكُمْ وَلِأَجْلِ الَّذِينَ فِي لَاقُدِيصَا وَجَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ لَمْ يَرَوْا وَجْهِي فِي الْجَسَدِ، لِكَيْ تَتَعَزَّى قُلُوبُهُمْ مُقْتَرِنَةً فِي الْمَحَبَّةِ لِكُلِّ غَنَى يَقِينِ الْفَهْمِ لِمَعْرِفَةِ سِرِّ اللَّهِ الْآبِ وَالْمَسِيحِ³ الْمُدْخَرِ فِيهِ جَمِيعُ كُنُوزِ الْحِكْمَةِ وَالْعِلْمِ.⁴ وَإِنَّمَا أَقُولُ هَذَا لئَلَّا يَخْدَعَكُمْ أَحَدٌ بِكَلَامٍ مَلِيقٍ.⁵ فَإِنِّي وَإِنْ كُنْتُ غَائِبًا فِي الْجَسَدِ، لَكِنِّي مَعَكُمْ فِي الرُّوحِ، فَرِحًا وَتَاطِرًا تَرْتَبِكُمْ وَمَتَانَةً إِبْرَانِكُمْ فِي الْمَسِيحِ.⁶ فَكَمَا قَبِلْتُمْ الْمَسِيحَ يَسُوعَ الرَّبَّ اسْلُكُوا فِيهِ،⁷ مُتَّصِلِينَ وَمَتَّبِعِينَ فِيهِ وَمُوطِدِينَ فِي الْإِيمَانِ، كَمَا عَلَّمْتُمْ، مُتَّصِلِينَ بِالشُّكْرِ.

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⁸انظُرُوا أَنْ لَا يَكُونَ أَحَدٌ يَسْبِيكُم بِالْفَلَسَفَةِ وَيُغَرِّوكم بِاطِلٍ حَسَبَ تَقْلِيدِ النَّاسِ، حَسَبِ أَرْكَانِ الْعَالَمِ وَلَيْسَ حَسَبِ الْمَسِيحِ.⁹ فَإِنَّهُ فِيهِ يَجَلُّ كُلُّ مِلَّةِ الْأَلْهُوتِ جَسَدِيًّا.¹⁰ وَأَنْتُمْ مَمْلُوءُونَ فِيهِ، الَّذِي هُوَ رَأْسُ كُلِّ رِبَاسَةٍ وَسُلْطَانٍ.¹¹ وَبِهِ أَيْضًا خُيِّتُمْ خِتَانًا غَيْرَ مَصْنُوعٍ بِيَدٍ يَخْلَعُ جِسْمَ خَطَايَا الْبَشَرِيَّةِ بِخِتَانِ الْمَسِيحِ.¹² مَذْقُونِينَ مَعَهُ فِي الْمَعْمُودِيَّةِ الَّتِي فِيهَا أَقْمْتُمْ أَيْضًا مَعَهُ بِإِيمَانٍ عَمَلٍ لِلَّهِ، الَّذِي أَقَامَهُ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ.¹³ وَإِذْ كُنْتُمْ أَمْوَاتًا فِي الْخَطَايَا وَعَلَفَ جَسَدِكُمْ، أُخِيَاكُمْ مَعَهُ مُسَامِحًا لَكُمْ بِجَمِيعِ الْخَطَايَا،¹⁴ إِذْ مَعَ الصَّلْبِ الَّذِي عَلَيْنَا فِي الْفَرَائِضِ الَّذِي كَانَ ضِدًّا لَنَا، وَقَدْ رَفَعَهُ مِنَ الْوَسْطِ مُسَمَّرًا إِيَّاهُ بِالصَّلْبِ،¹⁵ إِذْ جَرَدَ الرِّبَاسَاتِ وَالسَّلَاطِينَ أَشْهَرَهُمْ جَهَارًا، طَافِرًا بِهِمْ فِيهِ.

¹⁶فَلَا يَحْكُمُ عَلَيْكُمْ أَحَدٌ فِي أَكْلِ أَوْ شُرْبِ أَوْ مِنْ جِهَةِ عَيْدٍ أَوْ هَلَالٍ أَوْ سَبْتٍ،¹⁷ الَّتِي هِيَ ظِلُّ الْأُمُورِ الْعَتِيدَةِ، وَأَمَّا الْجَسَدُ فَلِلْمَسِيحِ.¹⁸ لَا يُخَسِّرُكُمْ أَحَدٌ الْجَعَالَهَ رَاغِبًا فِي النَّوَاضِعِ وَعِبَادَةِ الْمَلَائِكَةِ، مُتَدَاخِلًا فِي مَا لَمْ يَنْظُرْهُ، مُتَنَفِّخًا بِاطِلًا مِنْ قَبْلِ ذَهْنِهِ الْجَسَدِيِّ،¹⁹ وَغَيْرَ مُتَمَسِّكٍ بِالرَّأْسِ الَّذِي مِنْهُ كُلُّ الْجَسَدِ بِمَقَاصِلٍ وَرُبُطٍ، مُتَوَازِرًا وَمُقْتَرِنًا يَتَمَوَّنُونَ مِمَّا مِنَ اللَّهِ.

²⁰إِذَا، إِنْ كُنْتُمْ قَدْ مِتُّمْ مَعَ الْمَسِيحِ عَنْ أَرْكَانِ الْعَالَمِ، فَلِمَآذَا، كَأَنَّكُمْ غَائِبُونَ فِي الْعَالَمِ، تُفَرِّضُ عَلَيْكُمْ فَرَائِضَ: لَا تَمَسُّ وَلَا تَذُقُ وَلَا تَجْسُدُ؟²¹ الَّتِي هِيَ جَمِيعُهَا لِلْفَتَاءِ فِي الْإِسْنِعْمَالِ، حَسَبَ وَصَايَا وَتَعَالِيمِ النَّاسِ،²³ الَّتِي لَهَا حِكَايَةُ حِكْمَةٍ بَعِيدَةٍ تَافِلَةٍ وَتَوَاضِعٍ

the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;¹⁵ And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.¹⁶ Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:¹⁷ Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.¹⁸ Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,¹⁹ And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.²⁰ Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,²¹ (Touch not; taste not; handle not;²² Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?²³ Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.