مقدّمة الرّسالة

[1]بُـولُسُ وَسِـلْوَانُسُ وَتِيمُوثَـاوُسُ إِلَـى كَنِيسَـةِ
التَّسَالُونِيكِيِّينَ فِي اللهِ الآبِ وَالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ المَسِيحِ،
نِعْمَةٌ لَكُمْ وَسَلاَمٌ مِنَ اللهِ أَبِينَا وَالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ المَسِيحِ.

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[2]نَشْكُرُ اللهَ كُلَّ حِينٍ مِنْ جِهَةِ جَمِيعِكُمْ ذَاكِرِينَ إِيَّاكُمْ
فِي صَلَوَاتِنَا،[3]مُتَذَكِّرِينَ بِلاَ انْقِطَاعٍ عَمَلَ إِيمَانِكُمْ وَتَعَبَ
مَحَبَّتِكُمْ وَصَبْرَ رَجَائِكُمْ، رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ المَسِيحَ، أَمَامَ اللهِ
وَأَبِينَا،[4]عَـالِمِينَ، أَيُّهَـا الإِخْـوَةُ المَحْبُوبُـونَ مِـنَ اللـهِ،
اخْتِيَارَكُمْ،[5]أَنَّ إِنْجِيلَنَا لَمْ يَصِرْ لَكُمْ بِالْكَلاَمِ فَقَطْ بَلْ
بِالْقُوَّةِ أَيْضاً وَبِالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ وَبِيَقِينٍ شَدِيدٍ، كَمَا تَعْرِفُونَ
أَيَّ رِجَالٍ كُنَّا بَيْنَكُمْ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ.[6]وَأَنْتُمْ صِرْتُمْ مُتَمَثِّلِينَ بِنَا
وَبِالرَّبِّ إِذْ قَبِلْتُمُ الْكَلِمَةَ فِي ضِيقٍ كَثِيرٍ بِفَرَحِ الرُّوحِ
الْقُدُسِ،[7]حَتَّى صِرْتُمْ قُدْوَةً لِجَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ فِي
مَكِدُونِيَّةَ وَفِي أَخَائِيَةَ.[8]لأَنَّهُ مِنْ قِبَلِكُمْ قَدْ أُذِيعَتْ كَلِمَةُ
الرَّبِّ، لَيْسَ فِي مَكِدُونِيَّةَ وَأَخَائِيَةَ فَقَطْ، بَلْ فِي كُلِّ
مَكَانٍ أَيْضاً قَدْ ذَاعَ إِيمَانُكُمْ بِاللهِ، حَتَّى لَيْسَ لَنَا حَاجَةٌ
أَنْ نَتَكَلَّمَ شَيْئاً.[9]لأَنَّهُمْ هُمْ يُخْبِرُونَ عَنَّا أَيُّ دُخُولٍ كَانَ لَنَا
إِلَيْكُمْ وَكَيْفَ رَجَعْتُمْ إِلَى اللهِ مِنَ الأَوْثَانِ لِتَعْبُدُوا اللهَ
الْحَيَّ الْحَقِيقِيَّ[10]وَتَنْتَظِرُوا ابْنَهُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ الَّذِي أَقَامَهُ
مِنَ الأَمْوَاتِ، يَسُوعَ، الَّذِي يُنْقِذُنَا مِنَ الْغَضَبِ الآتِي.

[1]Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.[2]We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;[3]Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;[4]Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.[5]For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.[6]And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:[7]So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.[8]For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.[9]For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;[10]And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.