

مَقْدَمَةُ الرِّسَالَةِ

¹بُولُسُ وَسِيلَوَانُسُ وَتِيمُوثَاوُسُ إِلَى كَنِيسَةِ
التَّسَالُونِيكِيِّينَ فِي اللَّهِ الْآبِ وَالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ،
نِعْمَةً لَكُمْ وَسَلَامٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ آبَا وَالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ.

إِيمَانُ الْكَنِيسَةِ قُدْوَةٌ لِلْجَمِيعِ

²تَشْكُرُ اللَّهُ كُلَّ حِينٍ مِنْ جِهَةِ جَمِيعِكُمْ ذَاكِرِينَ إِيَّاكُمْ
فِي صَلَوَاتِنَا، ³مُتَذَكِّرِينَ بِلا انْقِطَاعٍ عَمَلِ إِيْمَانِكُمْ وَتَعَبِ
مَحَبَّتِكُمْ وَصَبْرِ رَجَائِكُمْ، رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، أَمَامَ اللَّهِ
وَأَبِينَا، ⁴عَالَمِينَ، أَتَهَا الْإِخْوَةُ الْمُحِبُّونَ مِنَ اللَّهِ،
اجْتِبَارَكُمْ، ⁵أَنَّ إِنْجِيلَنَا لَمْ يَصِرْ لَكُمْ بِالْكَلَامِ فَقَطْ بَلْ
بِالْقُوَّةِ أَيْضاً وَبِالرُّوحِ الْقُدُّوسِ وَبِتَقِينِ شَدِيدٍ، كَمَا تَعْرِفُونَ
أَيَّ رَجَالٍ كُنَّا بَيْنَكُمْ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ. ⁶وَأَنْتُمْ صِرْتُمْ مُتَمَثِّلِينَ بِنَا
وَبِالرَّبِّ إِذْ قِيلَتْهُمُ الْكَلِمَةُ فِي ضَيْقٍ كَثِيرٍ يَفْرَحُ الرُّوحُ
الْقُدُّوسُ، ⁷حَتَّى صِرْتُمْ قُدْوَةً لِجَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ فِي
مَكِدُونِيَّةٍ وَفِي أَخَايِيَّةٍ. ⁸لَئِنَّهُ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ قَدْ أذْبَعَتْ كَلِمَةُ
الرَّبِّ، لَيْسَ فِي مَكِدُونِيَّةٍ وَأَخَايِيَّةٍ فَقَطْ، بَلْ فِي كُلِّ
مَكَانٍ أَيْضاً قَدْ دَاعَى إِيْمَانُكُمْ بِاللَّهِ، حَتَّى لَيْسَ لَنَا حَاجَةٌ
أَنْ تَتَكَلَّمَ سَيِّئاً. ⁹لَئِنَّهُمْ هُمْ يُخَيِّرُونَ عَنَّا أَيُّ دُحُولٍ كَانَ لَنَا
إِيَّاكُمْ وَكَيْفَ رَجَعْنَاهُمْ إِلَى اللَّهِ مِنَ الْأَوْتَانِ لِنَتَعَبَّدُوا اللَّهَ
الْحَيَّ الْحَقِيقِيَّ ¹⁰وَنَسْطَرُّوا ابْنَهُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ الَّذِي أَقَامَهُ
مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ، يَسُوعَ، الَّذِي يُنْقِذُنَا مِنَ الْعَصَبِ الْآتِي.

¹Paul, 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. ²We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; ³Remembering 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; ⁴Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God. ⁵For 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. ⁶And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost: ⁷So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸For 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. ⁹For 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; ¹⁰And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.