

¹هَذِهِ الْمَرَّةُ الثَّلَاثَةُ أَنِّي إِلَيْكُمْ، عَلَى فَمِ شَاهِدَيْنِ وَثَلَاثَةِ تَقُومُ كُلُّ كَلِمَةٍ. ²قَدْ سَبَقْتُ فَقُلْتُ، وَأَسْبِقُ فَأَقُولُ كَمَا وَأَنَا حَاضِرُ الْمَرَّةِ الثَّانِيَةِ وَأَنَا غَائِبُ الْآنَ، أَكْتُبُ لِلَّذِينَ أَخْطَاؤًا مِنْ قَبْلُ وَلِجَمِيعِ الْبَاقِينَ: أَنِّي إِذَا جِئْتُ أَيْضًا لَا أَشْفِقُ، ³إِذْ أَنْتُمْ تَطْلُبُونَ بُرْهَانَ الْمَسِيحِ الْمُتَكَلِّمِ فِيَّ، الَّذِي لَيْسَ صَعِيفًا لَكُمْ بَلْ قَوِيٌّ فِيكُمْ. ⁴لَئِنْ كَانَ قَدْ ضَلَبَ مِنْ صَعْفٍ لَكِنَّهُ حَيٌّ بِقُوَّةِ اللَّهِ، فَتَحْنُ أَيْضًا صُعَقَاءُ فِيهِ، لَكِنَّا سَتَحَيَّا مَعَهُ بِقُوَّةِ اللَّهِ مِنْ جِهَتِكُمْ. ⁵جَرَّبُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ، هَلْ أَنْتُمْ فِي الْإِيمَانِ؟ امْتَحِنُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ. أَمْ لَسْتُمْ تَعْرِفُونَ أَنْفُسَكُمْ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ هُوَ فِيكُمْ؟ إِنْ لَمْ تَكُونُوا مَرْفُوضِينَ. ⁶لِكِنِّي أَرْجُو أَنَّكُمْ سَتَعْرِفُونَ أَنَّنَا نَحْنُ لَسْنَا مَرْفُوضِينَ. ⁷وَأَصْلِي إِلَى اللَّهِ أَتَّكُمُ لَا نَعْمَلُونَ شَيْئًا رَدِيًّا، لَيْسَ لِكِي تَطَهَّرْ نَحْنُ مُرَكِّبِينَ بَلْ لِكِي تَصْنَعُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ حَسَنًا وَتَكُونُ نَحْنُ كَأَنَّا مَرْفُوضُونَ. ⁸لَئِنَّا لَا نَسْتَطِيعُ شَيْئًا صِدِّ الْحَقِّ بَلْ لِأَجْلِ الْحَقِّ. ⁹لَئِنَّا تَفْرَحُ جِئْنَا نَكُونُ نَحْنُ صُعَقَاءُ وَأَنْتُمْ تَكُونُونَ أَقْوِيَاءَ، وَهَذَا أَيْضًا تَطْلُبُهُ كَمَا لَكُمْ. ¹⁰لِذَلِكَ أَكْتُبُ بِهِذَا، وَأَنَا غَائِبٌ، لِكِي لَا أَسْتَعْمِلَ جَزْمًا وَأَنَا حَاضِرٌ حَسَبَ السُّلْطَانِ الَّذِي أَعْطَانِي إِيَّاهُ الرَّبُّ لِلْبَيَانِ لَا لِلْهَذَمِ.

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¹¹أَخِيرًا، أَيُّهَا الْإِحْوَةُ، افْرَحُوا، اكْمَلُوا، تَعَرَّوْا، اهْتَمُّوا اهْتِمَامًا وَاجِدًا، عِشُّوا بِالسَّلَامِ، وَإِلَهُ الْمَحَبَّةِ وَالسَّلَامِ سَيَكُونُ مَعَكُمْ. ¹²سَلِّمُوا بَعْضَكُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ بِقُبْلَةٍ مُقَدَّسَةٍ. ¹³يَسَلِّمُ عَلَيْكُمْ جَمِيعُ الْقِدِّيسِينَ. ¹⁴يَعْمَهُ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ وَمَحَبَّةُ اللَّهِ وَسِرْكَةُ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُّوسِ مَعَ جَمِيعِكُمْ، آمِينَ.

¹This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established. ²I told you before, and foretell you, as if I were present, the second time; and being absent now I write to them which heretofore have sinned, and to all other, that, if I come again, I will not spare: ³Since ye seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, which to you-ward is not weak, but is mighty in you. ⁴For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you. ⁵Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? ⁶But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates. ⁷Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as reprobates. ⁸For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth. ⁹For we are glad, when we are weak, and ye are strong: and this also we wish, even your perfection. ¹⁰Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction. ¹¹Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you. ¹²Greet one another with an holy kiss. ¹³All the saints salute you. ¹⁴The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the

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communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you
all. Amen.