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¹فَكُونُوا مُتَمَثِّلِينَ بِاللَّهِ كَأَوْلَادِ آبَاءٍ، ²وَأَسْلُكُوا فِي الْمَحَبَّةِ كَمَا أَحَبَّنَا الْمَسِيحُ أَيْضاً وَأَسْلَمَ نَفْسَهُ لَاجِلِنَا، قُرْبَاناً وَذَبِيحَةً لِلَّهِ، رَاحَةً طَيِّبَةً.

³وَأَمَّا الزُّبَانُ وَكُلُّ تَجَاسٍ أَوْ طَمَعٍ فَلَا يُسَمَّ بِسْمِكُمْ، كَمَا يَلِيْقُ بِقِدِّيسِينَ، ⁴وَلَا الْقَبَاحَةُ وَلَا كَلَامُ السَّفَاهَةِ وَالْهَزْلِ، الَّتِي لَا يَلِيْقُ، بَلْ بِالْحَرِيِّ السُّكْرُ. ⁵فَيَبْكُمُ تَعْلُمُونَ هَذَا: أَنَّ كُلَّ زَانٍ أَوْ تَجَسٍّ أَوْ طَمَاعٍ، الَّذِي هُوَ غَايِدٌ لِلأَوْتَانِ، لَيْسَ لَهُ مِيرَاثٌ فِي مَلَكُوتِ الْمَسِيحِ وَاللَّهِ. ⁶لَا يُعْرَكُمْ أَحَدٌ بِكَلَامٍ بَاطِلٍ، لِأَنَّهُ يَسْتَبِ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورَ يَأْتِي عَصَبُ اللَّهِ عَلَى أَتْيَاءِ الْمُعْصِيَةِ. ⁷فَلَا تَكُونُوا شُرَكَاءَهُمْ. ⁸لَأَنَّكُمْ كُنْتُمْ قَبْلاً ظُلُمَةً وَأَمَّا الْآنَ قُنُورٌ فِي الرَّبِّ، اسْلُكُوا كَأَوْلَادِ نُورٍ، ⁹لَآنَ تَمَرَ الرُّوحِ هُوَ فِي كُلِّ صِلَاحٍ وَبِرٍّ وَحَقٍّ، ¹⁰مُخْتَبِرِينَ مَا هُوَ مَرْضِيٌّ عِنْدَ الرَّبِّ، ¹¹وَلَا تَشْتَرِكُوا فِي أَعْمَالِ الظُّلْمَةِ غَيْرِ الْمُثْمِرَةِ بَلْ بِالْحَرِيِّ وَبُجُوحِهَا. ¹²لَآنَ الْأُمُورَ الْخَادِنَةَ مِنْهُمْ سِرّاً ذَكَرَهَا أَيْضاً قُبْحٌ، ¹³وَلَكِنَّ الْكُلَّ، إِذَا تَوَجَّحَ، يُظْهَرُ بِالنُّورِ، لِأَنَّ كُلَّ مَا أَظْهَرَ فَهُوَ نُورٌ. ¹⁴لِذَلِكَ يَقُولُ: اسْتَيْقِظْ، أَيُّهَا النَّائِمُ، وَقُمْ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ، فَيُضِيءَ لَكَ الْمَسِيحُ.

¹⁵فَانْظُرُوا كَيْفَ تَسْلُكُونَ بِالْتَدْقِيقِ، لَا كَجُهْلَاءَ بَلْ كَحُكَمَاءَ، ¹⁶مُقْتَدِرِينَ الْوَقْتَ لِأَنَّ الْأَيَّامَ سَرِيرَةٌ. ¹⁷مِنْ أَجْلِ ذَلِكَ لَا تَكُونُوا أَغْيَاءَ بَلْ فَاهِمِينَ مَا هِيَ مَشِيئَةُ الرَّبِّ. ¹⁸وَلَا تَسْكُرُوا بِالْحَمْرِ، الَّذِي فِيهِ الْخَلَاعَةُ، بَلْ افْتَلِنُوا بِالرُّوحِ ¹⁹مُكَلِّمِينَ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضاً بِمَزَامِيرَ وَتَسَابِيحَ وَأَغَانِي رُوحِيَّةٍ، مُتَرَنِّمِينَ وَمُرْتِّلِينَ فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ لِلرَّبِّ، ²⁰شَاكِرِينَ كُلَّ جَيْنَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ فِي اسْمِ رَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ لِلَّهِ وَالْآبِ، ²¹خَاضِعِينَ بَعْضُكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ فِي خَوْفِ اللَّهِ.

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²²أَيُّهَا النِّسَاءُ، اخْضَعْنَ لِرِجَالِكُنَّ كَمَا لِلرَّبِّ ²³لَآنَ الرَّجُلَ هُوَ رَأْسُ الْمَرْأَةِ كَمَا أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ أَيْضاً رَأْسُ الْكَنِيسَةِ، وَهُوَ مُخْلَصُ الْجَسَدِ. ²⁴وَلَكِنْ كَمَا تَخْضَعُ الْكَنِيسَةُ لِلْمَسِيحِ كَذَلِكَ النِّسَاءُ لِرِجَالِهِنَّ فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ. ²⁵أَيُّهَا الرِّجَالُ، أَحِبُّوا نِسَاءَكُمْ كَمَا أَحَبَّ الْمَسِيحُ أَيْضاً الْكَنِيسَةَ وَأَسْلَمَ نَفْسَهُ لَاجِلِهَا ²⁶لِكَيْ يُقَدِّسَهَا، مُطَهِّراً إِيَّاهَا بِغَسْلِ الْمَاءِ بِالْكَلِمَةِ، ²⁷لِكَيْ يُخَضِّرَهَا لِنَفْسِهِ كَنِيسَةً مَجِيدَةً، لَا دَسَنَ فِيهَا وَلَا عَصَنَ أَوْ شَيْءٌ مِنْ مِثْلِ ذَلِكَ بَلْ تَكُونُ مُقَدَّسَةً وَبِلا عَيْبٍ. ²⁸كَذَلِكَ يَجِبُ عَلَى الرِّجَالِ أَنْ يُحِبُّوا نِسَاءَهُمْ

¹Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; ²And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. ³But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; ⁴Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. ⁵For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. ⁶Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. ⁷Be not ye therefore partakers with them. ⁸For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) ¹⁰Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. ¹¹And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. ¹²For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. ¹³But all things that are reprovèd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. ¹⁴Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. ¹⁵See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, ¹⁶Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the

Lord is.¹⁸ And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;¹⁹ Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;²⁰ Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;²¹ Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.²² Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.²³ For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.²⁴ Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;²⁶ That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,²⁷ That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.²⁸ So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.²⁹ For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:³⁰ For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.³¹ For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.³² This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.³³ Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

كَأَجْسَادِهِمْ. مَنْ يُحِبُّ امْرَأَتَهُ يُحِبُّ نَفْسَهُ، فَإِنَّهُ لَمْ يَبْغِضْ أَحَدَ جَسَدِهِ قَطُّ بَلْ يَقُوُّهُ وَيُرَبِّيهِ كَمَا الرَّبُّ أَيْضاً لِلْكَنِيسَةِ. لَأَنَّا أَعْضَاءُ جَسَمِهِ، مِنْ لَحْمِهِ وَمِنْ عِظَامِهِ.³¹ مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا يَتْرُكُ الرَّجُلُ أَبَاهُ وَأُمَّهُ وَيَلْتَصِقُ بِامْرَأَتِهِ وَيَكُونُ الْإِنْسَانُ جَسَداً وَاحِداً.³² هَذَا السِّرُّ عَظِيمٌ، وَلَكِنِّي أَنَا أَقُولُ مِنْ تَحْوِ الْمَسِيحِ وَالْكَنِيسَةِ.³³ وَأَمَّا أَنْتُمْ الْاَفْرَادُ، فَلْيُحِبَّ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ امْرَأَتَهُ هَكَذَا كَنَفْسِهِ، وَأَمَّا الْمَرْأَةُ فَلْتَهَبْ رَجُلَهَا.