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ISAHLUKO 1

UPetru, umphostoli kaJesu Kristu, kwabayizihambi abahlakazekile ePontu, naseGalathiya, naseKaphadosiya, nase-Asiya, naseBithiniya,

² bekhethiwe ngokwaziphambili kukaNkulunkulu uYise ngokungcwelisa kukaMoya kukho ukulalela nokufafazwa ngegazi likaJesu Kristu: Makwandiswe kinina umusa nokuthula.

³ Makabongwe uNkulunkulu uYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu owabuye wasizala kabusha ngokwesihawu sakhe esikhulu ukuba sibe nethemba eliphilileyo ngokuvuka kukaJesu Kristu kwabafileyo,

⁴ sibe nefa elingapheliyo, nelingenasisihla, nelingabuniyo, eniligcinelwe ezulwini;

⁵ nina enilondolozwa ngamandla kaNkulunkulu ngokukholwa ukuba nibe nokusindiswa okulungiselwe ukwambulwa ngesikhathi sokugcina;

⁶ enithokoza ngakho, nokuba manje ngesikhashana, uma kudingeka, nidabukiswa ngezilingo eziyizinhlobonhlobo,

⁷ ukuze ukuvivinywa kokukholwa kwenu okuyigugu kunegolide elibhubhayo noma livivinywa ngomlilo kufunyanwe kube ngukubongwa, nodumo, nokutuseka ekwambulweni kukaJesu Kristu;

⁸ enimthanda ningambonanga, enithi ningamboni manje nikholwa nguye, nithokoza ngentokozo engakhulumekiyo netusekayo,

⁹ namukela isigcino sokukholwa kwenu esiyinsindiso yemiphefumulo.

¹⁰ Ngayo leyo nsindiso babefunisisa bephenyisisa abaprofethi ababeprofetha ngomusa obuzakuza kinina,

¹¹ bephenya ukuthi yisiphi nokuba sinjani isikhathi asikhombayo uMoya kaKristu owayekubo, efakaza ngaphambili ngezinhlopheko eziqondene noKristu nangenkazimulo eyakulandela zona;

¹² abambulelwe ukuba bangazikhonzi bona kepha nina ngalezo zinto enishunyayezwa zona manje ngabanishumayeza ivangeli ngoMoya oNgcwele othunywe evela ezulwini, izinto ezizifisayo izingelosi ukuzibona.

¹³ Ngalokho zibopheni izinkalo zengqondo yenu, nizithibe, nethembe ngokupheleleyo umusa enizakuwabelwa ekwambulweni kukaJesu Kristu.

¹⁴ Njengabantwana abalalelayo ningalingisi izinkanuko zakuqala ekungazini kwenu,

¹⁵ kodwa njengowanibizayo engcwele, manibe ngcwele nani ekuhambeni konke,

¹⁶ ngokuba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Manibe ngcwele, ngokuba mina ngingcwele.”

¹⁷ Uma nimbiza ngokuthi Baba yena owahlulela yilowo nalowo ngokwemisebenzi yakhe engakhethi buso, anohamba ngokwesaba esikhathini sokuhlala kwenu ebufokazini,

- ¹⁸ nazi ukuthi anihlengwanga ekuhambeni kwenu okuyize enakunikezwa ngawoyihlo ngezinto ezibhubhayo, isiliva negolide,
- ¹⁹ kodwa ngegazi elinqabileyo likaKristu kungathi elewundlu elingenacala, elingenabala;
- ²⁰ owaziwa phakade, izwe lingakasekelwa, kepha wabonakaliswa ngezikhathi zokugcina ngenxa yenu
- ²¹ enikholwa nguNkulunkulu ngaye, owamvusa kwabafileyo nowamnika inkazimulo, ukuze ukukholwa kwenu kube nethemba kuNkulunkulu.
- ²² Senihlambululile imiphefumulo yenu ngokulalela iqiniso, nize nithande abazalwane ngokungazenzisi, thandanani ngokupheleleyo omunye nomunye ngenhliziyo,
- ²³ senizelwe kabusha kungengambewu ephelayo kodwa ngengapheliyo, ngezwi eliphilileyo nelimiyo likaNkulunkulu,
- ²⁴ ngokuba, “Yonke inyama injengotshani, nobukhosi bayo bonke bunjengembali yotshani; utshani buyabuna, nembali iyavuthuluka, kepha izwi leNkosi limi kuze kube phakade.”
- ²⁵ Yilo leli zwi levangeli elashunyayelwa kinina.

ISAHLUKO 2

- N**gakho lahlani ububi bonke, nobuqili bonke, nokuzenzisa, nomhawu, nokuhleba konke;
- ² njengezingane ezisand' ukuzalwa langazelelani ubisi olungokomoya olungenakonakala, ukuze nikhule ngalo kube ngukusindiswa,
- ³ uma seninambithile nezwa ukuthi iNkosi imnene.
- ⁴ Sondelani kuyo, iyitshe eliphilileyo, elinqatshwe ngabantu, kepha kuNkulunkulu likhethekile, liyigugu,
- ⁵ nakhiwe njengamatshe aphilileyo, nibe yindlu yokomoya, ubupristi obungcwele, ninikele ngemihlatshelo yokomoya eyamukelekayo kuNkulunkulu ngaye uJesu Kristu.
- ⁶ Ngokuba kukhona embhalweni ukuthi: “Bhekani, ngibeka eSiyoni itshe legumbi elikhethekile, liyigugu; okholwa yilo akasoze ajabhiswa.”
- ⁷ Ngakho kini enikholwayo liyigugu; kepha kwabangakholwayo itshe abalingqabayo abakhi yilona elaba yinhloko yegumbi,
- ⁸ netshe lokuqhuzula, nedwala lokukhubekisa; baqhuzuka bengalaleli izwi, okuyikhona bekumiselweyo;
- ⁹ kepha nina niluhlanga olukhethiweyo, ubupristi obobukhosi, isizwe esingcwele, abantu abazuziweyo, ukuze nishumayele ubukhosi balowo owanibiza niphume ebumnyameni, ningene ekukhanyeni kwakhe okumangalisayo;
- ¹⁰ ekade naningesiso isizwe, kepha manje niyisizwe sikaNkulunkulu, enaningahawukelwanga, kepha manje nihawukelwe.
- ¹¹ Bathandekayo, nginincenga njengabafokazi nezihambi ukuba nidede ezinkanukweni zenyama ezilwa nomphefumulo,
- ¹² nibe nenkambo enhle phakathi kwabezizwe, ukuze kuthi laphe benihleba ngokungathi ningabenzi bokubi, ngokubona imisebenzi yenu emihle badumise uNkulunkulu ngosuku lokuhanjelwa.
- ¹³ Thobelani izimiso zonke zabantu ngenxa yeNkosi, nokuba kuyinkosi njengokuba ingomkhulu,
- ¹⁴ nokuba kungababusi njengokuba bethunywa yiyo, ukuze bajezise abenza okubi, babonge abenza okuhle,
- ¹⁵ ngokuba injalo intando kaNkulunkulu ukuba ngokwenza okuhle nithulise ukungazi

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¹⁶ njengabakhululekileyo, kodwa kungabi njengabenza ukukhululeka kube yisigubuzelo sokubi kepha njengezinceku zikaNkulunkulu.

¹⁷ Baziseni bonke, nithande abazalwane; mesabeni uNkulunkulu, niyazise inkosi.

¹⁸ Nina zinceku, thobelani amakhosi ngokwesaba konke, kungabi ngamahle navileyo kuphela kodwa nayizixhwanguxhwangu.

¹⁹ Ngokuba kuyabongeka lokho, uma umuntu ngenxa kanembeza ngakuNkulunkulu ethwala izinsizi, ehlushwa ngokungafanele.

²⁰ Ngokuba kuludumo luni, uma nibekezela nishaywa lapho nonile na? Kepha uma nibekezela lapho nenze okuhle nihlushwa, lokho kuyabongeka kuNkulunkulu.

²¹ Ngokuba nabizelwa khona lokho, ngokuba uKristu wahlushwa ngenxa yenu, enishiyela isibonelo sokuba nilandele ezinyathelweni zakhe.

²² “Ongenzanga isono, akufunyanwanga nankohliso emlonyeni wakhe,”

²³ owathi ethukwa, akaphindisanga athuke; ehlushwa akasongelanga kepha wakunikela kuye owahlulela ngokulunga;

²⁴ yena owathwala izono zethu emzimbeni wakhe emthini, ukuze kuthi sesifile ezonweni siphile ekulungeni, oyena imivimbo yakhe naphulukiswa ngayo;

²⁵ ngokuba beninjengezimvu ezidukileyo, kodwa manje seniphendukele kuMalusi noMbonisi wemiphefumulo yenu.

ISAHLUKO 3

Kanjalo, bafazi, thobelani amadoda enu, ukuze kuthi, uma ekhona ongakhulwa yizwi, azuzwe ngaphandle kwezwi ngenkambo yabafazi bawo,

² ebona inkambo yenu emhlophe esekwesabeni.

³ Ukuhloba kwenu makungabi ngokungaphandle, okokwaluka izinwele, nokokufaka igolide, noma okokugqoka izingubo,

⁴ kepha makube ngumuntu osithekileyo wenhliziyo ohloba ngokungabhubhiyo komoya omnene onokuthula, okuyigugu phambi kukaNkulunkulu.

⁵ Ngokuba kade babezihlobisa kanjalo abesifazane abangcwele abamethembayo uNkulunkulu, bethobela amadoda abo,

⁶ njengalokho uSara wamlalela u-Abrahama embiza ngokuthi inkosi, eningabantwana bakhe, uma nenza okuhle, ningesatshiswa nokukodwa okwesabisayo.

⁷ Kanjalo, madoda, hlalani nabo ngokokwazi, njengalokhu owesifazane eyisitsha esibuthakathaka, nibanike udumo, lokhu beyizindlalifa zomusa wokuphila kanye nani, ukuze imikhuleko yenu ingathiywa.

⁸ Okokugcina, manibe nhliziyonye nonke, nihawukelane, nithandane ngokwabazalwane, nibe nobubele nokuthobeka,

⁹ ningaphindisi okubi ngokubi nokuthuka ngokuthuka, kepha kakhulu manibusise, ngokuba nabizelwa lokho ukuba nidle ifa lokubusiswa.

¹⁰ “Ngokuba osuka ethanda ukuphila nokubona izinsuku ezinhle, makanqande ulimi lwakhe kokubi, nezindebe zakhe zingakhulumi inkohliso,

¹¹ adede ebubini, enze okuhle, afune ukuthula, akujonge,

¹² ngokuba amehlo eNkosi aphezu kwabalungileyo, izindlebe zayo zisekunxuseni kwabo, kepha ubuso beNkosi buphezu kwabenza okubi.”

¹³ Pho, ubani onganilimaza, uma nishisekela okuhle na?

- ¹⁴ Kepha noma nihlupheka ngenxa yokulunga, nibusisiwe. Ningesabi ukwesabisa kwabo, ningakhathazeki,
- ¹⁵ kepha mngcweliseni uKristu abe yiNkosi ezinhliziyweni zenu, nihlale ningabalungele ukubaphendula bonke abanibuza isizathu sethemba elikini,
- ¹⁶ kodwa kube ngobumnene nangokwesaba, nibe nonembeza omuhle, ukuze kuthi kulokho abanihleba ngakho bajabhiswe labo abathuka ukuhamba kwenu okuhle kuKristu.
- ¹⁷ Ngokuba kuhle ukuhlupheka ngokwenza okuhle, uma kuyintando kaNkulunkulu, kunokwenza okubi.
- ¹⁸ Ngokuba naye uKristu wahlupheka kwaba kanye ngezono, olungileyo ngenxa yabangalungile, ukuba asiyise kuNkulunkulu, ebulawa enyameni kepha ephiliswa emoyeni,
- ¹⁹ ehamba ngawo ukushumayeza omoya abasekuboshweni
- ²⁰ abakade bengalaleli, lapho ukubekezela kukaNkulunkulu kubalindele ezinsukwini zikaNowa umkhumbi usakhiwa, abasindiswa ngawo abayingcosana, okungukuthi abayisishiyagalombili ngawo amanzi;
- ²¹ enisindiswa ngawo manje nani ngokomfanekiso, okungukuthi ngombhaphathizo, kungesikho ukususa insila yenyama kepha ukucela kuNkulunkulu unembeza omuhle, ngokuvuka kukaJesu Kristu
- ²² okhona ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu esenyukele ezulwini, sekubekwe phansi kwakhe izingelosi, negunya, namandla.

ISAPHLUKO 4

- N**jengokuba uKristu wahlupheka enyameni, hlomani nani ukuqonda okunjalo, ngokuba ohluphekile enyameni uyekile ukona,
- ² ukuze ngesikhathi esiseleyo nisesenyameni ningabe nisahlala ngezinkanuko zabantu kodwa ngentando kaNkulunkulu.
- ³ Ngokuba isikhathi esidlulileyo sasanele ukwenza okuthandwa ngabezizwe ngokuhamba ngamanyala, nangezinkanuko, nangokudakwa, nangokuminza, nangokuxokozela, nangokukhonza izithombe okuyichilo.
- ⁴ Bayamangala ngokungagijimeli kwenu kulowo msindo wokushinga kwabo, behlambalaza;
- ⁵ bayakuziphendulela kulowo olungele ukwahlulela abahambayo nabafuleyo.
- ⁶ Ngokuba ngalokho ivangeli lashunyayelwa nakwabafuleyo, ukuze bahlulelwe ngokwabantu enyameni kepha baphile ngokukaNkulunkulu emoyeni.
- ⁷ Kepha ukuphela kwezinto zonke sekusondele. Ngakho zikhuzeni, nizithibe, ukuze nikhuleke;
- ⁸ kunakho konke yibani nokuthandana okunganqamukiyo, ngokuba uthando lusibekela inqwaba yezono;
- ⁹ anongenisana ngenjabulo, ningakhononi,
- ¹⁰ nikhonzane, kube yilowo nalowo ngesipho asiphiweyo njengabaphathi abahle bomusa omninginingi kaNkulunkulu;
- ¹¹ uma umuntu ekhuluma, makakhulume njengokwamazwi kaNkulunkulu; uma umuntu ekhonza, makakhonze ngamandla awanikwa nguNkulunkulu, ukuze uNkulunkulu adunyiswe kukho konke ngoJesu Kristu okukuye inkazimulo namandla kuze kube phakade naphakade. Amen.

- ¹² Bathandekayo, ningamangali ngomlilo ophakathi kwenu enifikelwa yiwo ukuba nilingwe ngokungathi nehlelwe yinto engaziwayo,
- ¹³ kodwa njengalokhu ningabahlanganyeli bezinhlopheko zikaKristu, thokozani, ukuze kuthi nasekwambulweni kwenkazimulo yakhe nithokoze, nethabe nokwethaba.
- ¹⁴ Uma nithukwa ngenxa yegama likaKristu, nibusisiwe, ngokuba uMoya wenkazimulo nokaNkulunkulu uhlezi phezu kwenu.
- ¹⁵ Ngokuba makungabikho kini ohlopheka ngokuba engumbulali, noma eyisela, noma engowenza okubi, noma engozigaxa ezindabeni zabanye;
- ¹⁶ kepha uma ehlopheka ngokuba engumKristu, makangabi namahloni, kepha makadumise uNkulunkulu ngenxa yalelo gama.
- ¹⁷ Ngokuba sekuyisikhathi sokuba ukwahlulela kuqale endlini kaNkulunkulu; kepha uma kuthathela kithina, kuyakuba yini ukuphela kwabangalaleli ivangeli likaNkulunkulu na?
- ¹⁸ Uma olungileyo esindiswa kalukhuni, uyakubonakalaphi ongamesabi uNkulunkulu noyisoni na?
- ¹⁹ Ngakho abahluphekayo ngokwentando kaNkulunkulu mababeke imiphefumulo yabo kuMdali othembekayo ngokwenza okuhle.

ISAHLUKO 5

Ngakho ngiyawancenga amalunga aphakathi kwenu mina engiyilunga kanye nawo, nofakazi wezinhlopheko zikaKristu, nomhlanganyeli wenkazimulo ezakwambulwa, ngithi:

- ² Yalusani umhlambi kaNkulunkulu ophakathi kwenu, kungabi ngokucindezelwa kodwa ngokwentando kaNkulunkulu, kungabi ngenxa yenzuzo eyihlazo kodwa ngenhliziyo evumayo,
- ³ kungabi njengabazenza amakhosi phezu kwamabandla enabelwa wona, kodwa nibe yizibonelo zomhlambi;
- ⁴ kuyakuthi, nxa esebonakaliswa uMalusi omkhulu, niyakuzuza umqhele wenkazimulo ongabuniyo.
- ⁵ Ngokunjalo, nina basha, thobelani amalunga; kepha nonke yembathani ukuthobeka, nithobelane, ngokuba uNkulunkulu umelana nabazidlayo, kepha abathobekileyo ubapha umusa.
- ⁶ Ngalokho zithobeni phansi kwesandla sikaNkulunkulu esinamandla, ukuze aniphakamise ngesikhathi esifaneleyo,
- ⁷ niphonse izinkathazo zenu zonke phezu kwakhe, ngokuba uyanikhathalela.
- ⁸ Qondani, nilinde. Isitha senu, uSathane, siyahamba njengebhubesi elibhodlayo sifuna esingamgwinya;
- ⁹ melanani naye niqinile ekukholweni, nazi ukuthi zona lezo zinhlopheko zehlela abazalwane benu abasezweni.
- ¹⁰ Kephha uNkulunkulu womusa wonke owanibizela enkazimulweni yakhe yaphakade ngoKristu, senihlophekile isikhashana, yena uqobo uyakuniphelelisa, aniqinise, aninike amandla, anisekele.
- ¹¹ Makube kuye amandla kuze kube phakade naphakade. Amen.
- ¹² NgoSilvanu umfowethu othembekayo ngokubona kwami nginilobele ngokufushane, ngincenga, ngifakaza ukuthi lo yiwo umusa oqinisekileyo kaNkulunkulu; yimani kuwo.

¹³ Liyakhonza kini ibandla elikhethiweyo, kanye nani eliseBabiloni, noMarku indodana yami.

¹⁴ Bingelelanani ngokwanga kothando. Ukuthula makube kini nonke enikuKristu.

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