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ISAPHLUKO 1

OPawulu noThimothewu, izinceku zikaKristu Jesu, kubo bonke abangcwele kuKristu Jesu abaseFilipi, kanye nababonisi namadiyakoni:

² Makube kini umusa nokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu naseNkosini uJesu Kristu.

³ Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu wami ekunikhumbuleni kwami konke

⁴ ngezikhathi zonke ekunxuseni kwami konke ngani nonke, nginxusa ngokuthokoza,

⁵ ngenxa yokuhlanganyela kwenu evangelini, kusukela osukwini lokuqala kuze kube manje;

⁶ ngethembile ngempela yona le nto ukuthi owaqala umsebenzi omuhle kinina uyakuwufeza kuze kube lusuku lukaKristu Jesu,

⁷ njengalokhu kufanele ukuba ngibe nomqondo onjalo ngani nonke, njengokuba nginithwele enhliziyweni yami, lokhu ekuboshweni kwami nasekulivikeleni nasekuliqiniseni ivangeli nina nonke nihlanganyele nami emseni.

⁸ Ngokuba uNkulunkulu ungufakazi wami wokuthi nginilangazelela kangakanani nonke ngesihe sikaJesu Kristu.

⁹ Ngikhulekela lokhu ukuba uthando lwenu luvame kakhulu njalo ekwazini nasekuqondeni konke,

¹⁰ ukuze nikwazi ukwahlukanisa, nize nibe mhlophe nabangakhubekisiyo kuze kube lusuku lukaKristu,

¹¹ nigcwaliswe ngezithelo zokulunga ezingaye uJesu Kristu, kube yinkazimulo nodumo kuNkulunkulu.

¹² Kepha ngithanda ukuba nazi, bazalwane, ukuthi lokho okwangehlelayo kugcine kwaveza ukuqhubeka kwevangeli,

¹³ kwaze kwathi izibopho zami zabonakala enqabeni yonke nakubo bonke abanye ukuthi zingenxa kaKristu

¹⁴ nokuthi iningi labazalwane eNkosini betholile ithemba ngezibopho zami bazuzile kakhulu isibindi sokukhuluma izwi likaNkulunkulu ngokungesabi.

¹⁵ Abanye kambe bashumayela uKristu ngomhawu nangombango kepha abanye ngenhliziyo enhle;

¹⁶ laba bashumayela ngothando, bazi ukuthi ngimiselwe ukuvikela ivangeli,

¹⁷ kepha labo bamemezela uKristu ngombango kungenganhliziyo emhlophe, bethi bazakungivusela ukukhathazeka ekuboshweni kwami.

¹⁸ Kunani pho? Nokho uKristu uyamenyezelwa ngezindlela zonke, noma ngokuzenzisa

noma ngesiminya; kulokho-ke ngiyathokoza, yebo, ngiyakuthokoza,

¹⁹ ngokuba ngiyazi ukuthi lokhu kuyakungenzela ukusindiswa ngokunxusa kwenu nangokusiza kukaMoya kaJesu Kristu,

²⁰ njengokulangazela nokwethemba kwami ukuthi ayikho into engizakujabhiswa kuyo, kepha ngesibindi sonke, njengasezikhathini zonke namanje, uKristu uyakwenziwa mkhulu emzimbeni wami, nokuba kungokuphila nokuba kungokufa.

²¹ Ngokuba kimina ukuphila kunguKristu, ukufa kuyinzuzo.

²² Kepha uma ukuphila enyameni kuyisithelo somsebenzi kimi, angisakwazi engizakukukhetha.

²³ Kepha ngiphakathi kokubili; nginesifiso sokumuka ngibe noKristu, ngokuba yikhona okuhle kakhulu;

²⁴ kanti-ke ukuhlala enyameni kuswelekile kakhulu ngenxa yenu.

²⁵ Lokhu nginalo leli themba, ngiyazi ukuthi ngiyakuhlala, yebo, ngihlale nani nonke, kube ngukuqhubeka nokuthokoza kwenu ekukholweni,

²⁶ ukuze ukuzibonga kwenu ngami kuvame kuKristu Jesu ngokufika kwami futhi kini.

²⁷ Kuphela hambani ngokufanele ivangeli likaKristu, kuze kuthi, noma ngiza nginibona noma ngingekho, ngizwe izindaba zenu zokuthi nimi niqinile emoyeni munye, nangomphefumulo munye nilwela inkolo yevangeli,

²⁸ ningethuswa ngalutho ngabamelene nani, okuyisiboniso sokubhubha kubona kepha ngesokusindiswa kwenu; lokhu-ke kuvela kuNkulunkulu.

²⁹ Ngokuba ngenxa kaKristu nina nabelwa ngomusa, angisho ukukholwa kuye kuphela kepha nokuhlupheka ngenxa yakhe,

³⁰ nikukho khona lokho kulwa enakubona kimina, nakalokhu nizwa ukuthi kukimina.

ISAHLUKO 2

Ngakho-ke uma kukhona induduzo kuKristu, uma kukhona ukududuzeka kothando, uma kukhona inhlangothi kaMoya, uma kukhona isisa nesiawu,

² gcwalisani ukuthokoza kwami ukuba nibe nomqondo munye, ninothando lunye, nibe nhliziyonye, niqonde into inye;

³ ningenzi lutho ngombango nangodumo lwezwe; kepha ngokuthobeka nishaye sengathi abanye bakhulu kunani,

⁴ yilowo nalowo angabheki okwakhe, kepha yilowo abheke nokwabanye.

⁵ Mawube kini lowo mqondo owawukhona nakuKristu Jesu

⁶ owathi enesimo sikaNkulunkulu, akaze asho ukuthi kuyinto yokuphangwa ukulingana noNkulunkulu,

⁷ kepha wazidela ethabatha isimo senceku, enziwe ngomfanekiso wabantu;

⁸ wathi efunyenwe enjengomuntu ngesimilo, wazithobisa, elalela kwaze kwaba sekufeni, yebo, ekufeni kwesiphambano.

⁹ Ngelokho-ke uNkulunkulu wamphakamisa kakhulu, wamnika igama eliphezu kwamagama onke,

¹⁰ ukuze kuthi ngegama likaJesu amadolo onke aguqe, awabasezulwini, nawabasemhlabeni, nawabangaphansi komhlaba,

¹¹ nezilimi zonke zivume ngokuthi UJESU KRISTU UYINKOSI, kube yinkazimulo kuNkulunkulu uYise.

¹² Ngakho-ke, bathandiweyo bami, njengalokho nilalele ngezikhathi zonke, kungesikho

nxá ngikhona kuphela, kodwa ikakhulu manje nxa ngingekho, fezani ukusindiswa kwenu ngokwesaba nangokuthuthumela,

¹³ ngokuba nguNkulunkulu osebenza kini nokuthanda nokwenza njengentando yakhe.

¹⁴ Yenzani konke ngokungakhononi nokungangabazi,

¹⁵ ukuze nibe ngabangasolekiyo nabangenacala, abantwana bakaNkulunkulu abangenasici phakathi kwesizukulwane esiyisigwegwe nesiphambeneyo, enikhanya phakathi kwaso njengezinkanyiso ezweni,

¹⁶ nibambelele ezwini lokuphila, ngize ngibe nokuzibonga ngosuku lukaKristu ngokuthi angigijimelanga ize, angisebenzelanga ize.

¹⁷ Yebo, nokuba nginikelwa emhlatshelweni nasenkonzweni yokukholwa kwenu, ngiyathokoza, ngithokoza kanye nani nonke;

¹⁸ ngokunjalo-ke thokozani nani, nithokoze kanye nami.

¹⁹ Kepha ngiyethemba eNkosini uJesu ukuthuma uThimothewu kini masinyane, ukuze nami ngename nxa sengazi izindaba zenu.

²⁰ Ngokuba anginamuntu onenhliziyó enjengeyakhe, onganakekela izindaba zenu ngobuqotho;

²¹ ngokuba bonke bafuna okwabo, abafuni okukaJesu Kristu.

²² Kepha niyakwazi ukuthembeka kwakhe ukuthi ukhonzile kanye nami ngenxa yevangeli njengomntwana kuyise.

²³ Yena-ke ngiyethemba ukumthuma masinyane, uma sengibonile ukuthi okuqondene nami kophelelaphi;

²⁴ kepha ngiyethemba eNkosini ukuthi nami ngizakuza eduzane.

²⁵ Kodwa ngibone ukuthi kudingekile ukuba ngithume kinina u-Ephafrodithu, umzalwane nesisebenzi nebutho kanye nami, nesithunywa senu, isikhonzi ekusweleni kwami,

²⁶ lokhu wayenilangazelela nonke, eyaluza ngokuba nizwile ukuthi wayegula.

²⁷ Ngokuba nempela wayegula ephansi kokufa; kepha uNkulunkulu wamhawukela, kungeyena yedwa, wangihawukela nami, ukuze ngingabi nalusizi phezu kosizi.

²⁸ Ngalokho ngakhuthalela kakhulu ukumthuma, ukuze kuthi nxa senimbona futhi nithokoze, kimi kunciphe usizi.

²⁹ Ngakho-ke mamukeleni eNkosini ngokuthokoza konke, abanjalo-ke nibaphathe ngokubatusa,

³⁰ ngokuba ngenxa yomsebenzi kaKristu wacishe wafa ezidela amathambo, ukuze agcwalise okusileleyo ekungikhonzeni kwenu.

ISAHLUKO 3

Elokugcina, bazalwane bami, thokozani eNkosini. Ukunilobela khona lokho angikwenqeni, kepha nina kuyanigcina.

² Xwayani izinja, nixwaye izisebenzi ezimbi, nixwaye abokusika.

³ Ngokuba singukusoka thina esikhonza ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu, sizibonga kuKristu Jesu, singethembi enyameni,

⁴ nakuba nami bengingaba nokwethemba enyameni. Uma omunye umuntu ecabanga ukuthi unokwethemba enyameni, mina kakhulu;

⁵ ngasokwa ngosuku lwesishiyagalombili ngingowohlanga luka-Israyeli, owesizwe sakwaBenjamini, umHeberu wamaHeberu, ngokomthetho umFarisi;

⁶ ngokokushisekela ngingowazingela ibandla, ngokokulunga okusemthethweni

ngingongasolekiyo.

⁷ Kanti-ke lokho okwakuyinzuzo kimi ngakushaya indiva ngenxa kaKristu.

⁸ Yebo impela, konke ngikushaya indiva ngobukhulu bokumazi uKristu Jesu iNkosi yami, engilahlekelwe yikho konke ngenxa yakhe, ngikushaya izibi, ukuze ngizuze uKristu,

⁹ ngifunyanwe kuyena, ngingenakho ukulunga okungokwami okuya ngomthetho kodwa lokho okuya ngokukholwa nguKristu, ngisho ukulunga okuvela kuNkulunkulu ngokukholwa,

¹⁰ ukuze ngimazi yena, namandla okuvuka kwakhe, nokuhlanganyela ezinhluphekweni zakhe, ngimfuze ngokufa kwakhe,

¹¹ uma mhlawumbe ngingaze ngifinyelele ekuvukeni kwabafileyo,

¹² kungesikho ukuthi sengibambile nokuthi sengiphelelisiwe, kepha ngijonga ukuba kumbe ngingakubamba yini lokho nami engabanjelwa khona nguKristu Jesu.

¹³ Bazalwane, angisho ukuthi mina uqobo sengikubambile; kepha kunye engikwenzayo: ngikhohlwa okungasemuva, ngizelulela kokungaphambili,

¹⁴ ngijonge emgomeni, emklomelweni wokubizwa okukhulu kwaphezulu nguNkulunkulu kuJesu Kristu.

¹⁵ Ngakho-ke thina sonke esiphelele masibe nokuqonda okunjalo; kepha uma kokuthile niqonda ngokunye, nalokho uNkulunkulu uyakunambulela khona,

¹⁶ kuphela ukuthi kwesesifinyelele kukho, sihambe ngawo lowo mkhondo.

¹⁷ Ngilingiseni, bazalwane, nibabhekisise abahamba njengathi esiyisibonelo kini.

¹⁸ Ngokuba abaningi, enganitshela kaningi ngabo namanje nginitshela nangezinyembezi, bahamba beyizitha zesiphambano sikaKristu,

¹⁹ abakuphela kwabo ngukubhujiswa, abankulunkulu wabo yisisu, nodumo lwabo lusehlazweni labo, abangabanaka okomhlaba.

²⁰ Kepha thina singabombuso wasezulwini, lapho futhi silindela khona ukuba kuvele uMsindisi, iNkosi uJesu Kristu,

²¹ oyakuguqula isimo somzimba wethu wokuthotshiswa, ufane nomzimba wakhe wenkazimulo, ngamandla angazihlelela ngawo konke phansi kwakhe.

ISAHLUKO 4

Ngalokho, bazalwane bami abathandekayo nabalangazelelwayo, ntokozi yami nomqhele wami, yimani niqinile kanjalo eNkosini, bathandwa.

² Ngiyamyala u-Evodiya, ngiyamyala noSintike ukuba babe nokuqonda kunye eNkosini.

³ Yebo, ngiyakunxusa nawe mana wami oqotho, yelekelela labo besifazane, lokhu babambisana nami evangelini, kanye noKlemente nezinye izisebenzi zami abamagama abo asencwadini yokuphila.

⁴ Thokozani eNkosini njalonjalo; ngiyaphinda ngithi: Thokozani!

⁵ Ukubekezela kwenu akwaziwe ngabantu bonke; iNkosi iseduze.

⁶ Ningakhathazeki ngalutho, kepha kukho konke izicelo zenu mazaziwe nguNkulunkulu ngokukhuleka nokunxusa kanye nokubonga.

⁷ Ukuthula kukaNkulunkulu okudlula ukuqonda konke kuyakulondoloza izinhliziyu zenu nemicabango yenu kuKristu Jesu.

⁸ Elokugcina, bazalwane, konke okuyiqiniso, konke okuhloniphekayo, konke okulungileyo, konke okumhlophe, konke okuthandekayo, konke okutusekayo, noma kukhona okuhle, noma kukhona okubongekayo, zindlani ngalokho;

- ⁹ enakufunda, nakwamukela, nakuzwa, nakubona kimi, kwenzeni lokho; khona uNkulunkulu wokuthula uyakuba nani.
- ¹⁰ Kepha-ke ngathokoza kakhulu eNkosini, ngokuba manje senize navuselela ukunginakekela kwenu; beninginakekela kambe, kepha anibanga nathuba.
- ¹¹ Akusikho ukuthi ngisho maqondana nokuswela, ngokuba mina ngifundile ukuba nganeliswe noma ngihlezi kanjani.
- ¹² Ngiyakwazi ukuba phansi, ngiyakwazi nokubusa; kukho konke nasezintweni zonke ngifundisiwe: ukusutha, nokulamba, nokubusa, nokuswela.
- ¹³ Nginamandla ukwenza konke ngaye ongiqinisayo.
- ¹⁴ Nokho nenze kahle ngokuhlanganyela nami ekuhluphekeni kwami.
- ¹⁵ Niyazi nani nina baseFilipi ukuthi ekuqaleni kwevangeli ekuphumeni kwami eMakedoniya kwakungekho bandla nelilodwa elahlanganyela nami endabeni yokupha nokwamukela, kuphela nina nodwa,
- ¹⁶ ngokuba naseThesalonika nathumela kanye nakabili ngokuswela kwami.
- ¹⁷ Akusikho ukuthi ngifuna isipho, kodwa ngifuna isithelo esiyakwandisa okubalelwa nina.
- ¹⁸ Kepha nginakho konke ngokweqileyo; nganelisiwe sengamukelisiwe ngu-Ephafrodithu okuvela kinina, iphunga elimnandi, umhlathelo omuhle nothokozisayo kuNkulunkulu.
- ¹⁹ UNkulunkulu wami uzakugcwalisa ukuswela konke kwenu njengokwengcebo yakhe ekukhazimuleni kuKristu Jesu.
- ²⁰ KuNkulunkulu noBaba wethu makube ludumo kuze kube phakade naphakade. Amen.
- ²¹ Ngikhonzeleni kwabangcwele bonke abakuKristu Jesu. Abazalwane abanami bakhonza kinina.
- ²² Abangcwele bonke bayakhonza kini, ikakhulu abendlu kaKesari.
- ²³ Umusa weNkosi uJesu Kristu mawube nomoya wenu.

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