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¹ Lokho okwakukhona kusukela ekuqaleni, esesikuzwile, esesikubone ngamehlo ethu, esesikukhangele lezandla zethu zakuthinta, lokhu siyakutshumayela mayelana leLizwi lokuphila. ² Ukuphila kwabonakala; sikubonile njalo siyakufakaza, njalo sitshumayela kini ukuphila okulaphakade okwakukhona kuBaba njalo sekubonakele kithi. ³ Sitshumayela kini esikubonileyo lesikuzwileyo ukuze lani libe lokuhlanganyela lathi. Ukuhlanganyela kwethu kuloBaba kanye leNdodana yakhe, uJesu Khristu. ⁴ Siloba lokhu ukuze ukuthokoza kwethu kuphelele.

Ukuhamba Ekukhanyeni

⁵ Leli yilizwi esilizwe kuye esilitshumayela kini elokuthi: UNkulunkulu uyikukhanya; kuye akukho ubumnyama. ⁶ Nxa sisithi silokuhlanganyela laye, kodwa sihamba ebumnyameni, siqamba amanga, njalo leqiniso kasilenzi. ⁷ Kodwa nxa sihamba ekukhanyeni, njengoba esekukhanyeni, silokuhlanganyela omunye lomunye legazi likaJesu iNDodana yakhe liyasilambulula ezonweni zonke.

⁸ Nxa sisithi kasilasono, siyazikhohlisa njalo kasilaqiniso. ⁹ Nxa sivuma izono zethu, yena uthembekile njalo ulungile, uzasithethelela

izonozethu, asihlambulule kukho konke ukungalungi kwethu. ¹⁰ Nxa sisithi akulasono esasenzayo, simenza abe ngumqambi wamanga, njalo ilizwi lakhe kalilandawo kithi.

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¹ Bantwabami abathandekayo, ngililobelaincwadi le ukuze lingenzi izono. Kodwa nxa umuntu enze isono, silaye osimelayo kuBaba esivikela yena uJesu Khristu oLungileyo. ² Ungumhlatshelo wenhlawulo yezono zethu, kungasizono zethu kuphela kodwa lezono zomhlaba wonke.

Uthando Lenzondo Yabazalwane

³ Siba leqiniso ukuthi siyamazi nxa silalela imilayo yakhe. ⁴ Umuntu othi, "Ngiyamazi," kodwa angagcini imilayo yakhe uqamba amanga, leqiniso kalalo. ⁵ Kodwa nxa umuntu elalela ilizwi lakhe, uthando lukaNkulunkulu luyaphelisiswa sibili kuye. Yikho esikwazi ngakho ukuthi sikuye: ⁶ Lowo othi uhlala kuye kumele aphile njengokwenziwa nguJesu.

⁷ Bangane abathandekayo, kangililobeliumlayo omutsha, kodwa omdala, elalilawo kusukela ekuqaleni. Umlayo lo omdala uyilizwi elalizwayo. ⁸ Ikanti ngililobelumlayo omutscha; iqiniso lawo libonakala kuye lakini, ngoba ubumnyama buyedlula lokukhanya kweqiniso sekukhanya.

⁹ Lowo othi usekukhanyeni kodwa ezonda umzalwane wakhe ulokhu esebumnyameni.

¹⁰ Othanda umzalwane wakhe uhlala ekukhanyeni njalo akulalutho kuye

olungamenza akhubeke. ¹¹ Kodwa lowo ozonda umzalwane wakhe usebumnyameni njalo uyanzula ebumnyameni. Kakwazi lapho aya khona ngoba ubumnyama sebumenze waba yisiphofu.

Izizatho Zokuloba

¹² Ngiyalilobel a bantwana abathandekayo,
ngoba izono zenu zithethelelwe ngenxa
yebizo lakhe.

¹³ Ngiyalilobel a bobaba,
ngoba selimazi yena okhona kusukela
ekuqaleni.

Ngiyalilobel a majaha,
ngoba limnqobile omubi.

¹⁴ Ngiyalilobel a bantwana abathandekayo,
ngoba liyamazi uBaba.

Ngiyalilobel a bobaba,
ngoba selimazi yena okhona kusukela
ekuqaleni.

Ngiyalilobel a majaha,
ngoba lilamandla
lelizwi likaNkulunkulu lihlala kini,
njalo limnqobile omubi.

Lingawuthandi Umhlaba

¹⁵ Lingawuthandi umhlaba loba olunye ulutho olusemhlabeni. Nxa umuntu ethanda umhlaba, uthando lukaBaba kalukho kuye. ¹⁶ Ngoba izinto zonke ezisemhlabeni, izinkanuko zabantu abalezono, ukulangazela kwamehlo abo kanye lokuzigqaja ngempahla akuveli kuBaba, kodwa emhlabeni. ¹⁷ Umhlaba lezinkanuko

zawo kuyadlula, kodwa umuntu owenza intando kaNkulunkulu uphila kuze kube nininini.

Isixwayiso Ngabaphika uKhristu

18 Bantwana abathandekayo, lesi yisikhathi sokucina; njalo njengoba lizwile ukuthi umphikuKhristu uyeza, lakhathesi abanengi abaphika uKhristu sebekhona. Yikho esikwazi ngakho ukuthi lesi yisikhathi sokucina. **19** Baphuma besuka kithi, kodwa impela babengasibo bakithi. Ngoba aluba babengabakithi, babezahlala lathi; kodwa ukusuka kwabo kwatshengisa ukuthi kakho kubo owayengowakithi.

20 Kodwa lina ligcotshwe ngoNgcwele, njalo lonke liyalazi iqiniso.* **21** Kangililobel i ngoba iqiniso kalilazi, kodwa ngoba liyalazi langenxa yokuthi akulamanga aphuma eqinisweni. **22** Umqambi wamanga ngubani? Ngumuntu ophikayo ukuthi uJesu unguKhristu. Umuntu onjalo ngumphikuKhristu, uphika uYise leNdodana. **23** Kakho ophika iNdodana oloYise; lowo owamukela iNdodana uloYise futhi.

24 Bonani ukuthi lokho elakuzwayo kusukela ekuqaleni kuyahlala kini. Nxa kuhlala, lani lizahlala likhona eNdodaneni lakuYise. **25** Njalo nanku asithembisa khona, ukuphila okulaphakade.

26 Ngililobel a ngalezizinto mayelana lalabo abazama ukulidukisa. **27** Ukugcotshwa kwenu elakwamukela kuye, kuhlezi kukini, njalo kalisweli muntu wokulifundisa. Kodwa

* **2:20** 2.20 Eminye imibhalo ithi njalo liyazazi zonke izinto

njengoba ukugcoba kwakhe kulifundisa izinto zonke njalo njengoba ukugcoba lokho kuqotho, akusinkohliso njengoba kulifundisile, hlalani likuye.

Abantwana BakaNkulunkulu

²⁸ Ngakho-ke, bantwana abathandekayo, qhubekani likuye ukuze kuthi lapho esebonakala sibe lesibindi njalo singabi lenhloni phambi kwakhe ekufikeni kwakhe.

²⁹ Nxa likwazi ukuthi ulungile, liyakwazi ukuthi umuntu wonke oyenza okulungileyo uzelwe ngaye.

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¹ Yeka ubukhulu bothando uBaba asinika lona, ukuba sibizwe ngokuthi singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu! Njalo lokho yikho esiyikho! Okwenza umhlabu thina ungasazi yikuthi laye kawumazanga.

² Bangane abathandekayo, khathesi singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu, njalo lokho esizakuba yikho akukaziwa. Kodwa siyak-

wazi ukuthi lapho ebonakala sizakuba njengaye ngoba sizambona njengoba enjalo.

³ Wonke umuntu olethemba leli ngaphakathi kwakhe uyazihlambulula njengoba laye ehlambulukile.

⁴ Umuntu wonke owenza izono wephula um-thetho; ngempela isono yikungabi lomthetho.

⁵ Kodwa liyakwazi ukuthi wabonakala ukuze asuse izono zethu. Njalo kuye akulasono.

⁶ Kakho ohlala kuye oqhubeka esona. Kakho oqhubeka esona owambonayo kumbe omaziyo.

⁷ Bantwana abathandekayo, lingavumeli muntu eledukisa. Lowo oyenza okulungileyo

ulungile, njengoba laye elungile. ⁸ Lowo owonayo ngokaSathane ngoba uSathane wona kusukela ekuqaleni. INdodana kaNkulunkulu yabonakala ukuze ichithe imisebenzi kaSathane. ⁹ Kakho ozelwe ngokukaNkulunkulu ozaqhubeke esona, ngoba inhlanyelo kaNkulunkulu ihlala ikubo, abasoze baqhubeke besona ngoba babelwe nguNkulunkulu. ¹⁰ Sibazi ngalokhu ukuthi abantwana bakaNkulunkulu ngobani kanye lokuthi abangabantwana bakaSathane ngobani. Lowo ongenzi okulungileyo kasuye mntakaNkulunkulu, loba lowo ongamthandiyo umfowabobo lodadewabo.

Thandanani

¹¹ Leli yilizwi elalizwa kusukela ekuqaleni: Kumele sithandane. ¹² Lingabi njengoKhayini, owayengokaSathane wasebulala umfowabobo. Wambulalelani na? Ngoba ezakhe izenzo zazizimbi ezomfowabobo zilungile. ¹³ Lingamangali bazalwane bami nxaxa umhlaba ulizonda. ¹⁴ Siyakwazi ukuthi sesidlulile ekufeni saya ekuphileni, ngoba siyabathanda abazalwane bethu. Lowo ongathandiyo ulokhu esekufeni. ¹⁵ Lowo ozonda umzalwane wakhe ungumbulali, njalo liyakwazi ukuthi akulambulali olokuphila okungapheliyo kuye.

¹⁶ Nanku esazi ngakho ukuthi uthando luyini: UJesu Khristu wadela ukuphila kwakhe ngenxa yethu. Lathi kufanele sidele ukuphila kwethu ngenxa yabazalwane bethu. ¹⁷ Nxa umuntu enothile abone umzalwane wakhe oswelayo,

kodwa angabi lesihawu kuye, uthando lukaNkulunkulu lungaba kuye kanjani na? ¹⁸ Bantwana abathandekayo, kasingathandi ngamazwi loba ulimi kuphela kodwa ngezenzo langeqiniso.

¹⁹ Ngalokhu sazi kanje ukuthi singabeqiniso lokuthi sizibeka njani inhлизио zethu ekuphumeni phambi kwakhe ²⁰ lapho inhлизио zethu zisilahla. Ngoba uNkulunkulu mkhulu kakhulu kulezinhлизио zethu njalo wazi izinto zonke. ²¹ Bazalwane abathandekayo, nxa inhлизио zethu zingasilahli, silesibindi phambi kukaNkulunkulu ²² njalo samukela kuye konke esikuce-layo ngoba siyayilalela imilayo yakhe senze okumthokozisayo. ²³ Nanku umlayo wakhe: ukukholwa ebizweni leNdodana yakhe, uJesu Khristu, lokuthandana njengokusilaya kwakhe. ²⁴ Labo abalalela imilayo yakhe bahlala kuye, laye kubo. Njalo sikwazi ngalokhu ukuthi uhlala kithi: Sikwazi ngoMoya asinika yena.

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Hlolani Omoya

¹ Bazalwane abathandekayo, lingaze labakholwa omoya bonke, kodwa bahloleni omoya ukuba libone bangabe bevela kuNkulunkulu na ngoba abaphrofethi bamanga abanengi sebekhona emhlabeni. ² Lingamazi kanje uMoya kaNkulunkulu: Umoya wonke ovumayo ukuthi uJesu Khristu weza esenyameni uvela kuNkulunkulu, ³ kodwa wonke umoya ongamvumiyo uJesu kawuveli kuNkulunkulu. Lowo ngumoya womphikuKhristu, elezwa

ukuthi uyeza njalo osukhona khathesi emhlabeni.

⁴ Lina, bantwana abathandekayo, lingabakaNkulunkulu njalo selibanqobile ngoba lowo okini mkhulu kulaLowo osemhlabeni. ⁵ Bona bangabasemhlabeni, ngakho bakhulumu ngokwengqondo yasemhlabeni njalo umhlaba uyabalalela. ⁶ Thina singabakaNkulunkulu njalo lowo omaziyo uNkulunkulu uyasilalela, kodwa lowo ongasuye kaNkulunkulu kasilaleli. Simbona ngalokhu uMoya weqiniso lomoya wamanga.

Uthando LukaNkulunkulu Lolwethu

⁷ Bangane abathandekayo kasithandaneni, ngoba uthando luvela kuNkulunkulu. Umuntu wonke othandayo uzelwe ngoNkulunkulu njalo uyamazi uNkulunkulu. ⁸ Lowo ongathandiyo kamazi uNkulunkulu, ngoba uNkulunkulu uluthando. ⁹ UNkulunkulu walubonakalisa kanje uthando lwakhe kithi: Wathumela emhlabeni iNdodana yakhe eyiyo yodwa ukuba siphile ngayo. ¹⁰ Lolu luthando: kungayisikuthi sasimthanda uNkulunkulu kodwa ukuthi yena wasithanda wathumela iNdodana yakhe njengomhlatshelo wenhlawulo yezono zethu. ¹¹ Bangane abathandekayo, njengoba uNkulunkulu wasithanda kangaka, lathi kumele sithandane. ¹² Kakho owake wabona uNkulunkulu; kodwa nxa sithandana, uNkulunkulu uhlala kithi lothando lwakhe luyapheleliswa kithi.

¹³ Sikwazi ngalokhu ukuthi sihlala kuye laye uhlala kithi ngoba usinike okukaMoya

wakhe. ¹⁴ Sibonile njalo siyafakaza ukuthi uBaba uyithumele iNdodana yakhe ukuba ibe nguMsindisi womhlaba. ¹⁵ Nxa umuntu evuma ukuthi uJesu uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu uhlala kuye laye kuNkulunkulu. ¹⁶ Ngakho siyazi njalo sithembe uthando uNkulunkulu alalo kithi.

UNkulunkulu uluthando. Ohlala ethandweni, uhlala kuNkulunkulu, loNkulunkulu kuye. ¹⁷ Uthando luyapheleliswa kithi ukuze sibe lesibindi ngosuku lokwahlulelwa, ngoba kulumhlaba lathi sinjengaye. ¹⁸ Ethandweni akulakwesaba. Uthando olupheleleyo luyaxotsha ukwesaba, ngoba ukwesaba kukhumbuza isijeziso. Umuntu owesabayo kapheleliswa ethandweni.

¹⁹ Siyathanda ngoba yena wasithanda kuqala. ²⁰ Nxa umuntu esithi, "Mina ngiyamthanda uNkulunkulu," kodwa ezonda umfowabobo, ulamanga. Ngoba umuntu ongamthandiyo umfowabobo ambonayo, angeke amthande uNkulunkulu angakaze ambone. ²¹ Njalo wasinika umlayo lo: Lowo othanda uNkulunkulu kumele athande lomfowabobo.

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Ukukholwa ENdodaneni KaNkulunkulu

¹ Umuntu wonke okholwayo ukuthi uJesu nguKhristu uzelwe nguNkulunkulu, njalo umuntu wonke othanda uBaba uyamthanda lomtanakhe. ² Sikwazi ngalokhu ukuthi siyabathanda abantwana bakaNkulunkulu: ngokuthanda uNkulunkulu sigcina imilayo yakhe. ³ Ukuthanda uNkulunkulu yilokhu:

ukulalela imilayo yakhe. Njalo imilayo yakhe kayinzima, ⁴ ngoba umuntu wonke ozelwe nguNkulunkulu uwunqobile umhlaba. Lokhu yikunqoba okwehlule umhlaba, okuyikukholwa kwethu. ⁵ Ngubani lowo onqoba umhlaba? Ngulowo kuphela okholwayo ukuthi uJesu uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu.

⁶ Lo nguye oweza ngamanzi langegazi, uJesu Khristu kabuyanga ngamanzi kuphela, kodwa ngamanzi langegazi. Njalo nguMoya ofakazayo, ngoba uMoya uliqiniso. ⁷ Ngoba bathathu abafakazayo*: ⁸ uMoya, lamanzi kanye legazi; njalo bobathathu laba bayavumelana. ⁹ Siyabamukela ubufakazi babantu, kodwa ubufakazi bukaNkulunkulu bukhulu ngoba yibufakazi bukaNkulunkulu abunikayo ngeNdodana yakhe. ¹⁰ Lowo okholwayo eNdodaneni kaNkulunkulu ulobufakazi lobu enhliziyweni yakhe. Lowo ongamkholwayo uNkulunkulu umenze waba ngolamanga ngoba engabukholwanga ubufakazi uNkulunkulu abunike ngeNdodana yakhe. ¹¹ Ubufakazi lobo yilobu: UNkulunkulu usinike ukuphila okulaphakade njalo lokhu kuphila kuseNdodaneni yakhe. ¹² Lowo oleNdodana yakhe ulokuphila; lowo ongelayo iNdodana kaNkulunkulu kalakho ukuphila.

* ^{5:7} 5.7 Imibhalo yeVulgate yamuva bayafakaza ezulwini: uBaba, uLizwi loMoya oyiNgcwele, njalo laba bobathathu bamunye. 8 Njalo bathathu abafakaza emhlabeni: (okungatholakali emibhalweni yesiGrikhi eyayikhona kusiya ekuqaleni kwesentshuri yetshumi lane)

Amazwi Okucina

¹³ Ngililobela lezizinto lina abakholwayo ebizweni leNdodana kaNkulunkulu ukuze lazi ukuthi lilokuphila okulaphakade. ¹⁴ Silesiqiniselō lesi ekusondeleni kuNkulunkulu: ukuthi nxa sicela ulutho ngokwentando yakhe, uyasizwa. ¹⁵ Nxa sisazi ukuthi uyasizwa loba kuyini esikucelayo siyakwazi ukuthi sesilakho esikucele kuye.

¹⁶ Lapho umuntu ebona umzalwane wakhe esenza isono esingakhokheleli ekufeni, kumele akhuleke, uNkulunkulu uzamnika ukuphila. Ngitsho kulabo abasono sabo kasikhokheleli ekufeni. Kulesono esikhokhelela ekufeni. Kangitsho ukuthi akhuleke ngaleso. ¹⁷ Konke ukwenza okubi kuyisono, njalo kulesono esingakhokheleli ekufeni.

¹⁸ Siyakwazi ukuthi umuntu ozelwe nguNkulunkulu kaqhubeiki esenza izono; lowo owazalwa nguNkulunkulu uyamvikela, loSathane kamthinti. ¹⁹ Siyakwazi ukuthi singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu kanye lokuthi umhlaba wonke ungaphansi kwamandla omubi. ²⁰ Siyakwazi lokuthi iNdodana kaNkulunkulu yeza yasinika ukuqedisisa, ukuze siyazi yona eqotho. Njalo sikuye yena oqotho kanye laseNdodaneni yakhe uJesu Khristu. Yena unguNkulunkulu oqotho kanye lokuphila okulaphakade.

²¹ Bantwana abathandekayo, xwayani izithombe.

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