

KWABASEROMA

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ISAHLUKO 1

UPawulos, umkhonzi kaYesu Kristu, umpostile owabizwayo, wahlulelwa ukuvakalisa iindaba ezilungileyo zikaThixo,

- 2** awazidingayo ngenxa engaphambili ngabo abaprofeti bakhe ezibhalweni ezingcwele,
- 3** ebhekisele kuNyana wakhe, owazalwa engowembewu kaDavide ngokwenyama,
- 4** owamiswayo ukuba unguNyana kaThixo, enamandla, ngokomoya wobungcwele, ngokuvuka kwabafileyo, uYesu Kristu ke, iNkosi yethu;
- 5** esathi ngaye samkela ubabalo nobupostile, ukuze ngenxa yegama lakhe kubekho ukulululamel aukholo phakathi kwazo zonke iintlanga;
- 6** eniphakathi kwazo nani, babiziweyo bakaYesu Kristu:
- 7** ubhalela bonke abaseRoma, abaziintanda zikaThixo, abangcwele ababiziweyo, esithi, Makube lubabalo kuni, noxolo oluvela kuThixo uBawo wethu, neNkosi uYesu Kristu.
- 8** Kuqala ke, ndiyabulela kuThixo wam ngoYesu Kristu ngenxa yenu nonke, kuba ukhola lwenu luxelwa ehlabathini liphela.
- 9** Kuba ulinqina lam uThixo, endimkhonzayo ngomoya wam kwiindaba ezilungileyo zoNyana wakhe, okokuba andiyeki ukunikhankanya;
- 10** ndihlala ndikhunga emithandazweni yam, ukuba ndingade ngoku ndibe nempumelelo, ndize kuni nangakuphi, ngako ukuthanda kukaThixo.
- 11** Kuba ndilangazelela ukunibona, ukuze ndinabele sibabalo sithile sisesomoya, ukuze nizimaseke;
- 12** oko ke kukuze ndivuseleleke nam phakathi kwenu, ngalo ukhola olukuthi sobabini, ngolwenu kwanangolwam.
- 13** Andithandi ke ukuba ningazi, bazalwana, ukuba kufuthi ndizimisela entliziyweni yam ukuza kuni (ndathintelwa kwada kwanamhla), ukuze ndibe nasiqhamo sithile naphakathi kwenu, kwanjengaphakathi kwezinye iintlanga.
- 14** KumaGrike kwanakumabharbhari, kwizilumko kwanakwabaswele ukuqonda, ndimelwe kukushumayela.
- 15** Ngokunjalo okukokwam ndingxamele ukuzishumayela iindaba ezilungileyo nakuni baseRoma.
- 16** Kuba andinazintloni ngazo iindaba ezilungileyo zikaKristu; kuba zingamandla kaThixo okusindisa bonke abakholwayo, umYuda kuqala, kwanomGrike.
- 17** Kuba ngazo kutyhilwa ubulungisa bukaThixo, buphuma elukholweni buse elukholweni, njengokuba kubhaliwe kwathiwa, Olilungisa ke uya kudla ubomi ngokokholo.
- 18** Kuba ityhilekile ingqumbo kaThixo ivela emazulwini, ichase konke ukungahloneli Thixo,

nentswela-bulungisa yabantu, abayithintelayo inyaniso ngokuswela ukulungisa.

19 Ngokokuba oko kwazekayo ngoThixo kuyabonakala ngaphakathi kwabo; kuba uThixo wakubonakalalisa kubo.

20 Kuba kwasekudalweni kwehlabathi, iindawo zakhe ezibe zingenakubonwa zibonwa kakuhle, ziqondeke, ngezinto ezenziweyo, kwa-amandla akhe angunaphakade, nobuThixo bakhe, ukuze bangabi nakuziphendulela.

21 Ngokokuba bathe, bemazi uThixo, abamzukisa ngokoThixo, ababulela kuye; basuka bazizinto ezingento ezicamangweni zabo, yaza intliziyo yabo engenakuqonda yensiwa yamnyama;

22 bathi besiba bazizilumko, besuka baba ziziyatha;

23 baza ubuqaqawuli bukaThixo ongenakonakala babananisela intsobi yomfanekiselo womntu onokonakala, noweentaka, nowezinto ezizitho zine, nowezinambuzane.

24 Kungoko athe, besezinkanukweni zeentliziyo zabo, uThixo wabanikela nokubanikela ekungcoleni, ukuba bahlazisane ngemizimba, yabo.

25 bona bananisele ubuxoki inyaniso kaThixo, basihlonela basikhonza isidalwa, begqitha kuMdali, ongowokubongwa kuse kuwo amaphakade. Amen.

26 Ngenxa yoko, uThixo wabanikela ekuthabathekeni okulihlazo; kuba namankazana abo umsebenzi wasemvelweni awananisela okunxamnye nemvelo;

27 kwaza kwangokunjalo ke namadoda, ewushiya umsebenzi wenkazana wasemvelweni, avutha ngokukhanukana kwawo, amadoda esenza kumadoda okuziintloni, ezamkelela umbuyekezo wokulahleka kwawo, abemelwe ke nguwo.

28 Njengokuba ke bekumangele ukuhlala bemazi kakuhle uThixo, uThixo wabanikela engqiqweni engacikidekileyo, ukuba benze izinto ezingafanelekileyo;

29 bezele yiyo yonke intswela-bulungisa, okungendawo, ukubawa, ulunya; bezele ngumona, kukubulala, ziinkani, yinkohliso, bubumenemene;

30 abasebezi, abahlebi, abathiyekileyo kuThixo, abasileyo, abanekratshi, abaqhankqalazi, abacebi bezinto ezimbi, abangabevayo abazali,

31 abangenakuqonda, abaphuli beminqophiso, abangenabubele, abangenatarhu, abangenanceba;

32 bona bathi, besazi kakuhle isimiselo sikaThixo, sokuba abo bazenzayo izinto ezinjalo bafanelwe kukufa, banganeli kukuzenza, basuka bathakazelele nabo bazenzayo.

ISAHLUKO 2

Kungoko ndithi, Akunakuziphendulela, mntundini ugwebayo, nokuba unguhani; kuba ngokugweba omnye, uzigweba kwawena; kuba wena ugwebayo wenza kwaeko zinto.

2 Siyazi ke ukuba isigwebo sikaThixo siwa ngokwenyaniso phezu kwabo bazenzayo izinto ezinjalo.

3 Ucinga na ke, mntundini ugweba abo bazenzayo izinto ezinjalo, ube usenza kwazona hawe, ukuthi, uya kusisaba na wena isigwebo sikaThixo?

4 Okanye uyabudela na ubutyebi bobubele bakhe, nonyamezelo, nokuzeka kade umsindo; ungazi ukuba ububele bukaThixo bukusa enguqukweni?

5 Ke uthi, ngokuba luhuni kwakho, nentliziyo yakho engenanguuko, uziqwebele ingqumbo, ngemini yengqumbo nokutuhiwa komgwebo onobulungisa kaThixo;

6 oya kuvuza ulowo nalowo ngokwemisebenzi yakhe:

7 abo bathi ngokomonde emsebenzini olungileyo bafune uzuko nembeko nokungonakali,

abavuze ngobomi obungunaphakade;

8 ke kwabo beyelenqe, bangayithambeliyo inyaniso, basuke bathambele intswela-bulungisa, kuya kubakho umsindo nengqumbo,

9 imbandezelo noxinaniso emphefumlweni wabantu bonke abasebenza okubi, kowomYuda ukuqala, kwanakowomGrike;

10 kubekho uzuko ke, nembeko, noxolo, kabantu bonke abasebenza okulungileyo, kumYuda ukuqala, kwanakumGrike.

11 Kuba kuThixo akukho kakhetha buso.

12 Kuba bonke abonileyo bengenamthetho, baya kutshabalala ngokunjalo bengenamthetho; nabo bonke abonileyo benomthetho, baya kugwetywa ngomthetho;

13 kuba asingabanelu ukuba ngabaphulaphuli bawo umthetho, abangamalungisa kuThixo; ngabenzi bawo umthetho abaya kugwetylwa.

14 Kuba xa abeentlanga bathi, bengenamthetho, benze ngemvelo okomthetho, abo, bengenamthetho nje, bangumthetho kubo ngokwabo:

15 bona bawubonakalalisayo umsebenzi womthetho, ubhalwe ezintliziyeni zabo, sibe isazela sabo singqinelana nawo, zibe izicamango zabo zimangalelana, ziphathe kuziphendulela.

16 Kuya kuba njalo mhlenikweni uThixo aya kuzigweba izinto ezifihlakeleyo zabantu, ngokweendaba zam ezilungileyo ngoYesu Kristu.

17 Uyabona, wena unegama lokuba ungumYuda, wayame ngomthetho; uqhaisa ngoThixo;

18 uyakwazi ukuthanda kwakhe; uzacikida izinto ezahlukeneyo, uwutylewe umthetho;

19 kananjalo wena ukholose ngokuthi uNokeli weemfama, ulukhanyiselo lwabo basebumnyameni,

20 umluleki wabaswele ukuqonda, umfundisi weentsana, onesimilo sokwazi nesyaniso emthethweni.

21 Ndithi, wena ke umfundisayo omnye, akuzifundisi? Wena ke uvakalisa ukuthi, makungebiwa, uyeba?

22 Wena ke uthi, makungakrexewa, uyakrexesa? Wena ke ukruqukileyo zizithixo, uphangi iitempile?

23 Wena ke uqhaisa ngomthetho, uyamhlazisa uThixo ngokuggitha umthetho?

24 Kuba igama likaThixo linyeliswa ngenxa yenu phakathi kwazo iintlanga, njengoko kubhaliweyo.

25 Kuba ulwaluko luyanceda okunene, ukuba uyawenza umthetho; kodwa ukuba ungumgqithi womthetho, ulwaluko lwakho lusuke lwaba kukungaluki.

26 Ngoko ke, ukuba ongalukileyo uthi azigcine izimiselo zomthetho, akuyi kuthi na ukungaluki kwakhe kubalelw ekuthini kukwaluka?

27 Kuthi ukungaluki, oko kwasemvelweni, ngokuwuzalisa umthetho, kukugwebe wena ungumgqithi-mthetho, noko unesibhalo nolwaluko?

28 Kuba umYuda asingulowo unguye ngokwangaphandle, nolwaluko asilulo olo lwangaphandle enyameni;

29 umYuda ngulowo wasemfihlekweni, nolwaluko lolwentlizyo ngomoya, kungengantetho: yena ukudunyiswa kwakhe kungaphumi bantwini, kuphuma kuThixo.

ISAHLUKO 3

Uggithisele ngantoni na ngoko umYuda kwabanye? Kunceda ntoni na ukwaluka?

2 Kukhulu, ngeendlela zonke. Kuba ke, ukuqala, baphathiswa izihlabo zikaThixo.

3 Kuyini na khona, ukuba abathile abakholwanga? Ukungakholwa kwabo kokuphuthisa na ukuthembeka kukaThixo?

4 Nakanye! UThixo yena makabe nenyano, bonke abantu ke babe ngamaxoki; njengokuba kubhaliwe kwathiwa, Ukuze ube nokugwetyelwa emazwini akho, Weyise ekumangalelweni kwakho.

5 Ke ukuba ukuswela-kulungisa kwethu kuqondakalisa ubulungisa bukaThixo, sothini na? Uswele ukulungisa na uThixo, lo uhlisa umsindo wakhe? (Ndithetha ngokomntu.)

6 Nakanye! Oko ubengathini na uThixo ukuligweba ihlabathi?

7 Ke ukuba inyaniso kaThixo iphuphumele ekuthini azukiswe ngobuxoki bam, ndisagwetywa ngani na mna ngokomoni?

8 Yini na ukuba singabi sesisithi (ngoko ke sinyeliswayo, ngoko ke abathile bathi, sithi thina), Masenze okubi, ukuze kuvele okulungileyo? abakugwetywa kuyeleyo.

9 Kuthiweni na ke? Sinomkhusane na? Hayi, unakanye! Kuba besesiwamisele ityala amaYuda kwanamaGrike, lokuba baphantsi kwesono bonke;

10 njengokuba kubhaliwe kwathiwa, Akukho lungisa, hayi, nalinye;

11 Akukho uqondayo; Akukho umfunisisayo uThixo!

12 Bonke baphambukile; behelele, abancedi lutho; Akukho wenza okulungileyo; akukho nokude abe mnye.

13 Lingcwaba elivulekileyo umqala wabo, Ngeelwimi zabo bamana ukukhohlisa. Ubuuhlungu bamaphimpi buphantsi kwemilebe yomlomo wabo.

14 Abamlomo uzele kukuqalekisa nobukrakra.

15 Iinyawo zabo zinamendu okuphalaza igazi;

16 Lityumtyum neentsizi ezindleleni zabo;

17 Nendlela yoxolo abayazanga.

18 Akukho koyika Thixo phambi kwamehlo abo.

19 Siyazi ke ukuba izinto zonke ozithethayo umthetho, uzithetha kwabaphantsi komthetho; ukuze imilomo yonke ivingcwe, nehlabathi lonke libe netyala kuThixo.

20 Ngokokuba, ngokwasemisebenzini yomthetho, akuyi kugwetyelwa nyama emehlwani akhe; kuba isono saziwe ngokubakho komthetho.

21 Ngoku ke kubonakaliswe ubulungisa bukaThixo, kungekho mthetho, bungqinelwa nguwo umthetho nabaprofeti;

22 ubulungisa ke bukaThixo, obungokukholwa kuYesu Kristu, bube bobabo bonke, buphezu kwabo bonke abakholwayo;

23 kuba akukho kwahluka; kuba bonile bonke, basilelela eluzukweni lukaThixo;

24 begwetyelwe ngesisa lubabalo lwakhe ngako ukukhululwa ngentlawulelo ekuYesu Kristu;

25 athe uThixo wammisa, ukuba abe sisicamagushelo ngegazi lakhe, ngako ukukholwa, ukuze bubonakaliswe ubulungisa bakhe ngenxa yokuyekelelwa kwezono ezibe zenziwe ngenxa engaphambili, ekunyamezeleni kukaThixo;

26 ukuze bubonakaliswe ubulungisa bakhe ngeli xesha lakanlokunje, ukuze abe lilungisa, kwanomgwebeli walowo waselukholweni lukaYesu.

27 Luphi na ngoko uqhayiso? Luvalelwe ngaphandle. Ngamthetho mni na?

Ngowemisebenzi na? Hayi! Ngomthetho wokholo.

28 Ngoko ke sigqiba kwelithi, umntu uwetyelwa ngokholo, kungekho misebenzi yamthetho.

29 Kanene uThixo ungowama Yuda odwa na? Akanguye na noweentlanga? Ewe, ngoweentlanga nazo;

30 ekuben i emnye uThixo, oya kugwebela abolwaluko ngokwaselukholweni, nabangengabolwaluko ngalo ukholo.

31 Umthetho ngoko siyawuphuthisa na ngalo ukholo? Nakanye! Siyawumisa wona umthetho.

ISAHLUKO 4

Yintoni na ngoko esiya kuthi, uAbraham, ubawo wethu, ufumene yona ngokwenyama?

2 Kuba uAbraham, ukuba wayegwetyelwe ngokwasemisebenzini, ange eneqhayiya; akanalo ke phambi koThixo.

3 Kuba sithini na isibhalo? Sithi ke, Wakholwa uAbraham kuThixo, kwaza oko kwabalelwa kuye ebulungiseni.

4 Ke kaloku, kulowo usebenzayo, umvuzo awubalelwa ngokwaselubabalweni; ubalelwa ngokwasekubangweni.

5 Ke kulowo ungasebenziyo, uthi akholwe kuye omgwebelayo lowo ungahloneli Thixo, ukholo lwakhe lubalelwa ebulungiseni;

6 kwanjengokuba noDavide eluncoma uyolo lwaloo mntu, uThixo ambalela ubulungisa kungekho misebenzi,

7 esithi, Banoyolo abazigqitho zixolelwego, Abazono zigutyungelwego;

8 Inoyolo indoda eya kuthi iNkosi ingakhe ibalele sono kuyo.

9 Olo luyolo ngoko lunconywayo lulolwabolwaluko bodwa na? Asilulo olwabo bangebolwaluko nabo na? Kuba sithi, kuAbraham ukholo lwabalelwa ebulungiseni.

10 Lwathiwani na ke ngoko ukubalelwa kuye? Esekwalukeni, esekungalukini, sini na? Engekhona ekwalukeni; esekungalukini.

11 Waza wamkela umqondiso wolwaluko, waba litywina lokuqinisa ubulungisa bokholo abenalo esekungalukini: ukuba abe nguyise wabo bonke abakholyo besekungalukini, ukuze ubulungisa bubalelwwe nakubo;

12 nokuthi abe nguyise wabalukileyo, abanganele ukuba ngabalukileyo nje kodwa; abathi phezu koko bahambe emkhondweni wokholo lobawo wethu uAbraham, abenalo esekungalukini.

13 Kuba ukumbeka ngedinga uAbraham, nokuba yimbewu yakhe, lokuba yindlalifa yalo ihlabathi, bekungengamthetho; bekungobulungisa bokholo.

14 Kuba abo basemthethweni, ukuba ngabo iindlalifa, ukholo lungaba lwensiwe into engento, neddinga lingaba liphuthisiwe;

15 kuba umthetho usebenza ingqumbo. Ke apho kungekho mthetho, akukho sigqitho.

16 Ngenxa yoku, ilifa lelaselukholweni; ukuze libe ngokbabalo; ukuze idinga liqiniseke kuyo yonke imbewu; lingabi kweyasemthethweni yodwa, libe nakweyaselukholweni luka-Abraham, ongubawo wethu sonke

17 (njengokuba kubhaliwe kwathiwa, Ndikumisile ukuba ube nguyise weentlanga ezininzi), phambi koThixo awakholyo kuye, obadisa ubomi abafileyo, azibize izinto ezingekhoyo, zinge zikho.

18 Owakholyo ngethemba, kungekho nethemba eli, ukuze abe nguyise weentlanga

ezininzi, ngokoko kwathethwayo: lya kuba njalo imbewu yakho.

19 Wathi, engebuthathaka nje ngokholo, akondela emzimbeni wakhe, obuselufile (emayela ekhulwini leminyaka ezelwe), kwanokufa kwesizalo sikaSara;

20 owathi, ngokusingisele kwidinga likaThixo, akathandabuza ngokungakholwa; wesuka womelela ngokholo, ezukisa uThixo,

21 eqinisekile ukuba oko akumise ngedinga, unako nokukwenza.

22 Kungoko kwabalelwwa nokubalelwwa ebulungiseni kuye.

23 Ke kaloku, ukuba kwabalelwwa kuye, akubhalwanga ngenxa yakhe yedwa;

24 kwabhalwwa nangenxa yethu, thina kwakuza kubalelwwa kuthi, thina bakholwayo kulowo wamvusayo uYesu iNkosi yethu kwabafleyo;

25 owanikelwa ngenxa yeziphoso zethu, waza wabuya wavuswa ngenxa yokugwetyelwa kwethu.

ISAHLUKO 5

Ngoko, sigwetyelwe nje ngokwaselukholweni, sinoxolo kuThixo ngayo iNkosi yethu uYesu Kristu;

2 esaba nako ngaye ukuthi singene ngokholo kolu lubabalo simiyo kulo, siqhayise ngokuthembu uzuko lukaThixo.

3 Asikukuphela ke oko; sizingca nangeembandezelo ezi, sisazi ukuba imbandezelo iseberna unyamezelo;

4 unyamezelo ke luseberna ukucikideka; ukucikideka ke kuseberna ithembu;

5 ithembu ke alidanisi, ngokuba uthando lukaThixo luthululelwwe ezintliziyweni zethu ngoMoya oyiNgcwele, esamnikwayo.

6 Kuba uKristu uthe, sakubon' ukuba sisengama-athalala, wabafela ngexesha elimisiweyo abangahloneli Thixo.

7 Kuba kungangenkankulu ukuthi ubani afele ilungisa; kuba uthi mhlawumbi ubani abe nobuganga bokumfela olungileyo;

8 ke yena uThixo uqondakalisa okwakhe ukusithanda ngokuthi, sakubon' ukuba sisengaboni, uKristu asifele.

9 Kokukhona sigwetyelwe nje ngegazi lakhe, siya kusindiswa ngaye kuyo ingqumbo.

10 Kuba xa sithe, besiziintshaba nje, saxolelaniswa noThixo ngako ukufa koNyana wakhe: kokhona, sixolelanisiwe nje, siya kusindiswa ngobomi bakhe.

11 Asikukuphela ke oko; singabazingca nokuzingca nangaye uThixo, ngayo iNkosi yethu uYesu Kristu, esamkele ngayo kalokunje uxolelaniso olo.

12 Ngenxa yoko, njengokuba isono sangena ngamntu mnye ehlabathini, kwangena ke ukufa ngaso isono; kwaza ngokunjalo ukufa kwabatyhutyha abantu bonke, ekubeni bonke bonayo;

13 kuba kude kwakho umthetho, kukho isono ehlabathini, sibe ke isono singabalelwwa mntwini kungekho mthetho.

14 Ukufa ke kwalawula, kuthabathela kuAdam kwezisa kuMoses, nakwabo bangonanga ngokufana nesigqitho sika-Adam, oyintsobi yalowo ubeza kubakho.

15 Sisuke isiphoso asaba njengoko sinjalo sona isibabalo. Kuba, xa abaninzi aba bafa sisiphoso salowo mnye, kokukhona ubabalo lukaThixo, nesipho esingobabalo olu lwalo mntu mnye, uYesu Kristu, saphuphumela kubo abaninzi aba.

16 Kanjalo sona isipho asinjengokuba kwaba njalo ngalowo mnye wonayo. Kuba okunene

isigwebo sezagenxa yalowo mnye, sesa ekugwetyweni; ke sona isibabalo sezagenxa yeziphoso ezininzi, sesa ekugwetyelweni.

17 Kuba, xa kwathi ngesiphoso salowo mnye ukufa kwalawula ngalowo mnye, kokukhona baya kuthi aba bakwamkelayo ukuphuphuma kobabalo, noko kuphiwa ubulungisa, babe nokulawula ebomini ngaye lo umnye, uYesu Kristu.

18 Ngoko ke, njengokuba kwathi ngasiphoso sinye kwabakho ukugwetywa kwabo bonke abantu, ngokunjalo kothi nangesenzo esinye sobulungisa, kubekho ukugwetyelwa ubomi kubo bonke abantu.

19 Kuba njengokuba kwathi, ngokungeva komntu omnye lowo, abaninzi benziwa aboni, ngokunjalo kuya kuthi, nangokuva komnye lo, abaninzi benziwe amalungisa.

20 Ke kaloku umthetho wangena nawo, ukuze isiphoso sande; ke apho sandayo isono, Iwaphuphuma ngakumbi ubabalo;

21 ukuze, njengokuba isono saba nokulawula ngokufa, ngokunjalo nobabalo lube nokulawula ngobulungisa, luse ebomini obungunaphakade, ngaye uYesu Kristu, iNkosi yethu.

ISAHLUKO 6

Masithini na ngoko? Masihlale sihleli na esonweni, ukuze ubabalo Iwande?

2 Nakanye! Thina safayo nje kwisono, singathini na ukuba sahlala kuso?

3 Anazi na ukuba thina sonke, sabhaptizelwayo kuKristu Yesu, sabhaptizelwa ekufeni kwakhe?

4 Ngoko ke sangcwatywa naye ngokubhaptizelwa ekufeni; ukuze, njengokuba uKristu wavuswayo kwabafileyo ngalo uzuko loYise, sithi ngokunjalo nathi sihambe sinobomi obutsha.

5 Kuba xa similiselwe kuye ngentsobi yokufa kwakhe, somiliselwa kuye nangeyokuvuka kwakhe;

6 sikwazi nje oku, ukuba umntu wethu omdala wabethelelwa emnqamlezweni kunye naye, ukuze umzimba wesono uphuthiswe, size singabi sasikhonza isono;

7 kuba owafayo uweteyelwe, wakhululwa kuso isono.

8 Ukuba ke safu kunye noKristu, siyakholwa ukuba sodla ubomi kwakunye naye;

9 sisazi ukuba uKristu, evusiwe nje kwabafileyo, akabi safu; ukufa akusamphathi ngabukhosu.

10 Kuba ukufa awakufayo, wakufa kwisono kwaba kanye; ubomi ke abudlayo, ubudlela kuThixo.

11 Ngokunjalo nani zibaleleni ekuthini, ningabafileyo okunene kwisono; kodwa ningabadla ubomi kuThixo, nikuKristu Yesu, iNkosi yethu.

12 Ngoko isono masingalawuli emzimbeni wenu onokufa, ukuze nisilulamele ngokwenza iinkanuko zavo.

13 Kanjalo amalungu enu maningawanikeli kuso isono, ukuba abe ziintonga zentswela-bulungisa; manizinikele ngokwenu kuThixo, ngokwabaphile babengabafileyo, niwanikele kuThixo amalungu enu, ukuba abe ziintonga zobulungisa.

14 Kuba isono asiyi kuniphatha ngabukhosu; kuba aniphantsi komthetho, niphantsi kobabalo.

15 Kuthiweni na ngoko? Sone na, kuba singephantsi kwamthetho, siphantsi kobabalo?
Nakanye!

- 16** Anazi na ukuba lowo nizinikela kuye ukuba ngabakhonzi bokumlulamelam, ningabakhonzi ngoku kulowo nimlulamelayo: nokokuba ningabesono, nisingise ekufeni, nokokuba ningabolulamo, nisingise ebulungiseni?
- 17** Makubulelwwe ke kuThixo, ukuba nithe, beningabakhonzi besono, nawululamelam ngokwentliziyu umfuziselo wemfundiso enanikelwayo kuwo;
- 18** nathi, nakuba nikhululwe ke kuso isono, nakhonziswa kubo ubulungisa.
- 19** Ndithetha ngokwabantu, ngenxa yobulwelwe benyama yenu; kuba, njengoko hawanikelayo amalungu enu ukuba abe ngabakhonzi bako ukungcola nokuchasa umthetho, ukuba nichase umthetho: ngokunjalo kalokunje, wanikeleni amalungu enu ukuba abe ngabakhonzi kubo ubulungisa, ukuba ningcwaliseke.
- 20** Kuba, oko nibe ningabakhonzi besono, beningabkhululekileyo kubo ubulungisa.
- 21** Naye ninasiqhamo sini na ke ngelo xesha, ngezi zinto nineentloni ngazo ngoku? Kuba isipheko sazo kukufa.
- 22** Kaloku ke, nikhululwe nje kuso isono, naza nakhonziswa kuThixo, ninaso isiqhamo senu sokuba ningcwaliseke; isipheko ke sibe bubomi obungunaphakade.
- 23** Kuba umvuzo wesono kukufa; ke sona isibabalo sikaThixo bubomi obungunaphakade, kuKristu Yesu iNkosi yethu.

ISAHLUKO 7

- A**nazi na, bazalwana (kuba ndithetha kwabawaziyo umthetho), ukuba umthetho umphatha ngobukhosu umntu ngexesha lonke adla ubomi ngalo?
- 2** Kuba umfazi owendileyo, ubotshiwe ngumthetho kwindoda yakhe, lo gama idla ubomi; ukuba ke ithe yafa indoda, ukhululekile kuwo umthetho ombophe endodeni.
- 3** Ngoko ke, ukuba uthe waba kuyimbi indoda, yakubon' ukuba indoda yakhe isadla ubomi, kothiwa ngumkrezezikazi. Ke ukuba ithe yafa indoda yakhe, woba ukhululekile kuwo umthetho, ukuba angabi mkrezezikazi, ethe waba kuyimbi indoda.
- 4** Ngoko ke, bazalwana bam, nani n'abulawa nafa kuwo umthetho ngawo umzimba kaKristu, ukuba nibe kuwumbi, kulowo ke wavuswa kwabafileyo, ukuze sixakathe isiqhamo kuThixo thina.
- 5** Kuba oko besikwinyama, ukuthabathuka zizono, okube kuxhokonxwa ngawo umthetho, kwakusebenza emalungwini ethu ekuxakatha isiqhamo esisa ekufeni.
- 6** Ke ngoku sikhululwe thina kuwo umthetho, safayo nje kwesasibanjwe kuko, ngokokude sikhonze sinobutsha bomoya, singakhonzi sinobudala bomthetho obhaliweyo.
- 7** Sithini na ke? Umthetho usisono na? Nakanye! Ke ngendingasazanga isono, ukuba bekungengamthetho; kuba nenkanuko ngendingayazanga, ukuba umthetho ubungatshongo ukuthi, Uze ungakanuki.
- 8** Isono ke sizuze ithuba ngawo umthetho, sasebenza ngaphakathi kwam yonke inkanuko; kuba, kungekho mthetho, isono sifile.
- 9** Mna ke bendifudula ndiphilile, ungekho umthetho; uthe ke wakufika umthetho, sabuya saphila isono, ndafa ke mna;
- 10** waza umthetho obumiselwe ubomi, wafumaneka kum inguwona usingisa ekufeni.
- 11** Kuba isono sithe, sizuze ithuba ngawo umthetho, sandilukuhla, saza ngawo sandibulala.
- 12** Ngoko ke umyalelo okunene ungcwele; nomthetho ungcwele, unobulungisa, ulungile.
- 13** Oko ke kulungileyo kwaba kukufa na ke kum? Nakanye! Saye sisisono; ukuze

sibonakale sisisono, sisebenza ukufa kum ngoko kulungileyo; ukuze isono ngawo umthetho sibe sisono ngokuncamisileyo.

14 Kuba siyazi ukuba umthetho ungowomoya; ke mna ndingowenya; kuthengiswe ngam, ndaba phantsi kwesono.

15 Kuba oko ndikwenzayo andikwazi mna; kuba endikuthandayo, oko andikwenzi; endikuthiyayo, oko ndiyakwenza;

16 ukuba ke endingakuthandiyo ndenza khona oko, ndivumelana nomthetho ukuba mhle.

17 Ngoko ke ayisendim osebenza oko, seyisisono esi simiyo ngaphakathi kwam.

18 Kuba ndiyazi ukuba ngaphakathi kwam, oko kukuthi enyameni yam, akumi okulungileyo; kuba ukuthanda kukho ukubakho oku kum; ke kona ukukusebenza okuhle andikufumani.

19 Kuba okulungileyo endikuthandayo, andikwenzi; khona okubi, endingakuthandiyo, oko ndiyakwenza.

20 Ukuba ke endingakuthandiyo mna, ndenza khona oko, ayisendim okusebenzayo

21 oko, seyisisono esi simiyo ngaphakathi kwam.

22 Ndifumana ngoko lo mthetho kum, ukuba kuthi, ndifuna ukukwenza okuhle, kusuke kubekho okubi kum.

23 Kuba ndikhholene nomthetho kaThixo ngokomntu ongaphakathi; kodwa ndibona mthetho wumbi, emalungwini am, usilwa nomthetho wengqiqo yam, undithimbela emthethweni wesono, lowo usemalungwini am.

24 Athi ke mna, mntu uludwayi! Azi, ngubani na oya kundihlangula kulo mzimba woku kufa?

25 Ndiyabulela kuThixo ngoYesu Kristu, iNkosi yethu. Ngoko ke mna ngokwam ngayo ingqiqo okunene ndikhonza umthetho kaThixo; kodwa ngayo inyama ndikhonza umthetho wesono.

ISAHLUKO 8

Ngoko ke, ngoku akukho kugwetywa kwabakuKristu Yesu; abangahambiyo ngokwenyama, abahamba ngokoMoya.

2 Kuba umthetho woMoya wobomi, ndakuba kuKristu Yesu, wandikhulula emthethweni wesono nokufa.

3 Kuba ekukhohlweni komthetho, ekubeni uswele amandla ngayo inyama, uthe uThixo, ethume owakhe uNyana, efana nenyama elawulwa sisono, emthume ngenxa yesono, wasigweba isono esenyameni leyo;

4 ukuze ibango lomthetho lizaliseke kuthi, thina singahambiyo ngokwenyama; sihambayo ngokoMoya.

5 Kuba abo bangokwenyama banyamekela izinto zasenyameni; abo ke bangokoMoya banyamekela izinto zaseMoyeni.

6 Kuba ukunyameka kwenyama ikukufa; ukunyameka ke koMoya bubomi noxolo.

7 Ngokokuba ukunyameka kwenyama kububutshaba kuThixo; kuba umthetho kaThixo kungawululamel, kuba kungenako nokuba nako ukwenjenjalo.

8 Abo ke bakwinyama, abanakumkhola uThixo.

9 Ke nina anikwinyama; nikuMoya, ukuba kumi okunene uMoya kaThixo ngaphakathi kwenu. Ukuba ke umntu akanaye uMoya kaKristu, akangowakhe lowo.

10 Ukuba ke uKristu ungaphakathi kwenu, umzimba okunene ufile ngenxa yesono; kodwa

uMoya ububomi ngenxa yobulungisa.

11 Ukuba ke uMoya walovo wamvusayo uYesu kwabafileyo, umi ngaphakathi kwenu, yena owamvusayo uKristu kwabafileyo uya kuyenza iphile nemizimba yenu enokufa, ngaye uMoya wakhe omiyo ngaphakathi kwenu.

12 Ngoko ke, bazalwana, singabanetyala; kodwa kungekuyo inyama ukuze siphile ngokwenyama.

13 Kuba xa niphila ngokwenyama, niza kufa; ke ukuba niyazibulala ngoMoya, zife iintlondi zomzimba, nophila.

14 Kuba bonke abakhokelwa nguMoya kaThixo, bangoonyana bakaThixo abo.

15 Kuba anamkelanga moya wabukhoboka, ukuba nibuye noyike; namkele umoya wokwenziwa oonyana, esidanduluka ngawo sithi, Abha, Bawo.

16 UMoya ngokwakhe unqinelana nomoya wethu, ukuba singabantwana bakaThixo.

17 Ukuba ke singabantwana, sikwaziindlalifa; iindlalifa zikaThixo, iindlalifa ke kunye noKristu; ukuba okunene siva ubunzima kunye naye, ukuze sizukiswe nokuzukiswa kunye naye.

18 Kuba ndigqiba kwelithi, iintlungu zeli xesha lakkalokunje azinakulinganiswa nobuqaqwuli obu buza kutyhilwa kuthi.

19 Kuba ukulangazelela kwendalo kulinde ukuthileka koonyana bakaThixo.

20 Kuba indalo yalulanyiselwa kokungelutho, kungengakuvuma kwayo, kungenxa yowayilulamisayo,

21 inethemba lokuba nendalo ngokwayo iya kukhululwa ebukhobokeni bokonakala, isingiswe enkululekweni yozuko lwabantwana bakaThixo.

22 Kuba siyazi ukuba yonke indalo iyancwina, inenimba kunye, unangoku.

23 Asiyiyo ke yodwa; sisuka nathi, banayo intlahlela yoMoya, thina aba ke ngokwethu, sincwine ngaphakathi kwethu, silinde ukwenziwa oonyana; inkululeko yomzimba wethu ke leyo.

24 Kuba sasindiselwa ethembeni; ke ithemba elise libonwa asithemba; kuba oko akubonayo umntu, angaba usakuthembeleni na?

25 Ukuba ke sithembe ukuzuza oko singakuboniyo, sikulinda kakhulu, sinomonde.

26 Ngokukwanjalo ke noMoya uncedisana nokuswela kwethu amandla; kuba esingakuthandazelayo ngokoko simelwe kukuthandaza ngako, asikwazi; uthi ke uMoya ngokwakhe asithethelele ngezincwino ezingathethekiyo.

27 Ke oziphengululayo iintlizyo uyakwazi into okuyiyo ukunyameka koMoya; ngokuba ubathethilela abangcwele ngokukaThixo.

28 Siyazi ke ukuba zonke izinto zisebenzisela okulungileyo kwabo bamthandayo uThixo, kwababiziweyo ngokwengqibo yakhe.

29 Ngokuba abo wabaziyo ngenxa engaphambili, wabamisela ngenxa engaphambili ukuba bafane nomfanekiselo woNyana wakhe, ukuze abe ngowamazibulo kubazalwana abaninzi.

30 Abo ke wabamisayo ngenxa engaphambili, wabuya wababiza bona; waza abo wababizayo, wabuya wabagwebela bona; abo ke wabagwebelayo, wabuya wabazukisa nokubazukisa bona.

31 Sithini na ke ngoko kwezi zinto? Ukuba uThixo ungakuthi, ngubani na ongasichasayo?

32 Lowo, gxebe, ungamconganga owakhe uNyana, wesuka wamnikela ngenxa yethu sonke, angathini na ukuba angasibabali ngazo zonke ezo zinto, ndawonye naye?

33 Ngubani na oya kumangalela abanyulwa bakaThixo, inguThixo nje obagwebelayo?

34 Ngubani na ogwebayo, inguKristu nje owafayo? ngaphezu koko ke, wabuya wavuka; ongasekunene kukaThixo, osithethelelayo?

35 Ngubani na oya kusahlula eluthandweni lukaKristu? Yimbandezelo na, luxinaniso na, yintshutshiso na, yndlala na, bubuze na, yingozi na, likrele na?

36 Njengokuba kubhaliwe kwathiwa, Ngenxa yakho sibulawa imini yonke; Sibalelw ekuthini sizizimvu zokuxhelwa.

37 Kanti ke kwezo zinto zonke, sisuka soyise sigqithisele, ngaye owasithandayo.

38 Kuba ndeyisekile kukuba nakufa, nabomi, nazithunywa zezulu, nazilawuli, naziphathamandla, nanto zikhoyo, nanto zizayo,

39 nabuphakamo, nabunzulu, nasinye isidalwa esisimbi, asiyi kuba nako ukusahlula thina eluthandweni lukaThixo, olukuye uKristu Yesu, iNkosi yethu.

ISAHLUKO 9

Ndithetha inyaniso ndikuKristu, andixoki, sibe nesazela sam sindingqinela ndiseMoyeni oyiNgcwele,

2 ukuba ndineentlungu kakhulu, nentuthumbo enkuIu engapheliyo, entliziyweni yam.

3 Kuba bendingade ndinqwenele ukusingelwa phantsi mna ngokwam, ndahlukaniswe haye uKristu, ngenxa yabazalwana bam, abayimizalwane yam ngokwenyama,

4 abangamaSirayeli bona; ekukokwabo ukwenziwa oonyana, nokuzukiswa, nokuphiwa iminqoqhis, nokuwiswa komthetho, nenkonzo kaThixo, namadinga;

5 abangababo ooyise; awaphuma kubo uKristu ngokwenyama, uThixo ongophezu konke, engowokubongwa kude kube ngunaphakade. Amen.

6 Ke, xa nditshoyo, andithethi nto nje, ngokungathi ilizwi likaThixo liphalele. Kuba asingabo bonke abaphuma kuSirayeli abangamaSirayeli;

7 kananjalo abathe, ngakuba beyimbewu ka-Abraham, baba ngabantwana bonke; kusuke kwathiwa, Imbewu yakho iya kubizwa ngolsake;

8 oko kukuthi, asingabantwana benyama abangabantwana bakaThixo; ngabantwana bedinga ababalelw ekuthini bayimbewu.

9 Kuba lilo eli ilizwi ledinga, Ngeli xesha nyakenye ndiya kuza, waye uSara eya kuba nonyana.

10 Alipheli apho ke; kwathi nakuRebheka, akubon' ukuba ukhawule ngamnye, ngolsake ubawo wethu,

11 nakuba abantwana babengekazalwa, bengekenzi nto nelungileyo nembi, ukuze ingqibo kaThixo ngokonyulo ihlale ihleli, ingengokwasemisebenzini, ingokwalowo ubizayo:

12 kwathiwa kuye, Omkhulu uya kukhonza komnci;

13 njengokuba kubhaliwe kwathiwa, UYakobi ndamthanda, ke uEsawu ndamthiya.

14 Sithini na ke ngoko? Kukho ukuswela kulungisa kusini na kuye uThixo? Nakanye!

15 Kuba esithi kuMoses, Ndiya kuba nenceba kosukuba ndinenceba kuye, ndibe netarhu kosukuba ndinetarhu kuye.

16 Ngoko ke asikokothandayo, kanjalo asikokobalekayo; kokukaThixo onenceba.

17 Kuba isibhalo sithi kuFaro, Ndakuvelisel yona le nto, yokuba ndiwabonakalalisele kuwe amandla am, nokuthi laziswe igama lam kulo lonke ihlabathi.

18 Ngoko ke unenceba kwathanda ukumenzela inceba, athi ke athandayo amenze lukhuni.

- ¹⁹ Uya kuthi kum ngoko, Usasolelani na ke? Kuba ngubani na omelana necebo lakhe?
- ²⁰ Ehla ke, mntundini! Ungubani na wena, ukuba uphendulane noThixo? Into exonxiweyo ingatsho na kumxonxi Wayo ukuthi, Yini na ukuba undenjenje ukundenza?
- ²¹ Khona akanagunya na umbumbi wodongwe ukwenza, ngadongwe lwambumba-nye, esinye isitya sibe sesembeko, nesinye sibe sesingesambeko?
- ²² Hi, ukuba ke uThixo, ethanda ukubonakalalisa ingqumbo yakhe, nokwazisa amandla akhe, wathwala enokuzeka kade okukhulu izitya zengqumbo, zilungiselwe intshabalalo;
- ²³ ukuze abazise ubutyebi bozuko lwakhe ezityeni zenceba, abezilungisele uzuko ngenxa engaphambili;
- ²⁴ ezi wazibizayo, kwathina aba, kungekuwo amaYuda odwa, kukwiintlanga nazo?
- ²⁵ Njengokuba esithi nakwekaHoseya, Ndiya kubabiza abangebantu bam ngokuba ngabantu bam; Nongathandiweyo, ngokuba ngothandiweyo.
- ²⁶ Kwakuya kuthi, apho kwabe kusithiwa kubo, Aningabantu bam nina, Babizwe apho ngokuthi, Ningonyana bakaThixo ophilileyo.
- ²⁷ Ke ulsaya udanduluka ngoSirayeli, esithi, Nangona inani loonyana bakaSirayeli lingangentlabathi yaselwandle, ngamasalela odwa aya kusindiswa;
- ²⁸ kuba elifeza ilizwi, aliggibe ngobulungisa; ngokuba iNkosi iya kwenza ilizwi layo phezu komhlaba, ilifinyeze.
- ²⁹ Kwanjengokuba ulsaya ebetshilo ngenxa engaphambili ukuthi, Ukuba iNkosi yemikhosi ibingashishiyelanga mbewu, Ngesibe saba njengeSodom, ngesibe senziwa safana neGomora.
- ³⁰ Sithini na ke ngoko? Sithi, iintlanga ebezingasukeli bulungisa, zabubamba ubulungisa, ubulungisa ke baselukholweni;
- ³¹ kodwa yena uSirayeli, obesukela umthetho wobulungisa, akafikelelanga emthethweni wobulungisa.
- ³² Ngani na? Ngokuba ukusukela kwakhe kwaye kungengokwaselukholweni; kwaye kungathi kungokwasemisebenzini yomthetho. Kuba babetheka elityeni eli lokubetheka,
- ³³ njengokuba kubhaliwe kwathiwa, Yabona, ndibeka eZyon ilitye lokubetheka, Iliwa lesikhubeleko; bonke abakholwayo kuye abayi kudaniswa.

ISAHLUKO 10

Bazalwana, inkolelo yejam intliziyi, nesikhungo sam kuye uThixo, ngenxa yamaSirayeli, sesokuba asindiswe.

- ² Kuba ndiyabangqinela ukuba banokumzondelela uThixo, koko bengamzondeleli ngokokwazi okukuko.
- ³ Kuba bathe, bengabazi ubulungisa bukaThixo, befuna nokumisa obabo ubulungisa, ababululamelia ubulungisa bukaThixo.
- ⁴ Kuba intsingiselo yomthetho nguKristu, ukuze abe bubulungisa kubo bonke abakholwayo.
- ⁵ Kuba uMoses ubulungisa basemthethweni uthi ukububhala, Umntu ozenzileyo ezi zinto uya kuphila zizo.
- ⁶ Ke bona obaselukholweni ubulungisa buthetha ngolu hlobo, Musa ukuthi entliziyweni yakho, Ngubani na oya kunyuka aye emazulwini ukuba ahlise uKristu?
- ⁷ nokuthi, Ngubani na oya kuhla aye enzonzbileni, ukuba anyuse uKristu kwabafileyo?
- ⁸ Buthini na ke? Buthi, Ilizwi eli likufuphi kuwe, emlonyeni wakho nasentliziyweni yakho:

elo ke lilizwi lokholo, eli sivakalisa lona.

9 Ngokuba, xa ute wamvuma ngomlomo wakho ukuba uyiNkosi uYesu, wakholwa ngentliziyo yakho ukuba uThixo wamvusa kwabafileyo, wosindiswa.

10 Kuba umntu ukholwa ngentliziyo, ukuze abe nobulungisa; avume ke ngomlomo, ukuze asindiswe.

11 Kuba isibhalo sithi, Bonke abakhholwayo kuye abayi kudaniswa.

12 Kuba akukho kwahluka kwamYuda namGrike; kuba ikwayiloo Nkosi eyiNkosi yabo bonke, ibubutyebe kubo bonke abayinqlayo.

13 Kuba bonke abasukuba belinqula igama leNkosi bosindiswa.

14 Bothini na ke ukumnqula lowo bangaholwanga kuye? Bothini na ke ukukholwa kulowo bangamvanga?

15 Bothini na ke ukuva, kungekho mshumayeli? Bothini na ke ukushumayela, bengathunywanga? Njengokuba kubhaliwe kwathiwa, Hayi, ukuba zintle kwazo iinyawo zabashumayela iindaba ezilungileyo zoxolo, zabashumayela iindaba ezilungileyo zezinto ezilungileyo!

16 Abazilulamelanga ke bonke iindaba ezilungileyo, kuba ulsaya uthi, Nkosi, ngubani na owakholwayo ludaba lwethu?

17 Ngoko ke ukholo lumphuma eludaben, udaba ke lukho ngelizwi likaThixo.

18 Ingaba kodwa, abevanga na? Ehla wena! Intlokoma yabo yaphuma, yaya kulo lonke ihlabathi, Namazwi abo aya eziphelweni zelimiweyo.

19 Ndithi, Kodwa ubengazi na uSirayeli? Ukuqala, uMoses uthi, Mna ndiya kunikhweletisa ngabangeluhlanga, Ndiya kunicaphukisa ngohlanga olungenangqondo.

20 Ke yena ulsaya akanqwanqli; uthi, Ndifunyenwe ngababengandifuni, Ndaba nokubonakala kwababengandibuzi.

21 Ke ngokubhekisele kuSirayeli uthi, Imini yonke izandla zam ndizolulele kubantu abangevayo, abaphikayo.

ISAHLUKO 11

Ngoko ke ndithi, UThixo ubagibile na abantu bakhe? Nakanye! Kuba nam lo ndingumSirayeli wasembewini ka-Abraham, wesizwe sikaBhenjamin.

2 UThixo akabagibanga bona abantu bakhe, abebazi ngenxa engaphambili. Okanye aniyazi na indawo ethetha ngoEliya esibhalweni, ukumangalela kwakhe amaSirayeli kuThixo, esithi,

3 Nkosi, abaprofeti bakho ababulele, nezibingelelo zakho azichithile; mna ndisele ndedwa; afuna ke ubomi bam?

4 Sisuka esikaThixo isihlabo sithini na kuye? Sithi, Ndizishiyele amadoda angamawaka asixhenxe, angagobanga dolo kuBhahali wona.

5 Ngokunjalo ke ngoko, nakweli xesha lakalokunje, kukho amasalela ngokonyulo lobabalo.

6 Ukuba ke kungobabalo, akusengamisebenzi; okanye ubabalo alungebi saba lubabalo.

7 Kuthiweni na ngoko? Kuthiwe, Khona oko akungxameleyo amaSirayeli akakufumananga; ke abanyuliweyo bakufumana, bathi ke abanye baqaqadekiswa;

8 njengokuba kubhaliwe kwathiwa, UThixo ubanike umoya wokuqoba, amehlo okuba bangaboni, neendlebe zokuba bangeva, kwada kwaba yimini yanamhla.

9 Kanjalo uDavide uthi, Isithebe sabo masibe sisibatha, nesihogo sokubambisa,

Nesikhubeleko, nesiphindezelo kubo:

- 10** Makenziwe abe myama amehlo abo, ukuba bangaboni; Nomhlana wabo wugobe amaxa onke.
- 11** Ndithi ngoko, Bakhubeka ukuze bawe na? Nakanye! Kuthe ngesiphoso sabo, usindiso lwafika kuzo iintlanga, ukuze zibakhweletise.
- 12** Ukuba ke isiphoso sabo siba bubutyebi behlabathi, nokuncipha kwabo kuba bubutyebi beentlanga, yobeka phi na inzaliseko yabo?
- 13** Kuba ndithetha kuni, zintlanga. Ekubeni okunene mna ndingumpostile weentlanga, ndiyaluzukisa ulungiselelo lwam;
- 14** ukuba ndingade ndibakhweletise abenyama yam, ndisindise inxenye yabo.
- 15** Kuba xa ukulahlwa kwabo kuluxolelaniso lwehlabathi, koba yintoni na ukwamkelwa kwabo? Akububomi obuphuma kwabafleyo, yini na?
- 16** Ukuba ke intlahlela ingcwele, ikwanjalo nentlama; ukuba ke ingcambu ingcwele, akwanjalo namasebe.
- 17** Ke ukuba inxenye yamasebe yaxhuzulwa, wathi ke wena, ungumnquma wasendle nje, wamiliselwa phakathi kwawo, waba lidlelane nengcambu nokutyeba komnquma:
- 18** musa ukuwaqhaisela amasebe; ke ukuba uyawaqhaisela, yazi ukuba asinguwe oyithweleyo ingcambu; yingcambu ethwele wena.
- 19** Uya kuthi ngoko, Axhuzulwa amasebe, ukuze mna ndimiliselwe.
- 20** Utyaphile; axhuzulwa ngokungakholwa, ke wena umi ngokholo; musa ukukratsha, yoyika.
- 21** Kuba, xa uThixo angawaconganga awasemvelweni amasebe, lumka hleze angakucongi nawe lo.
- 22** Khawububone ke ububele nobukhali bukaThixo; ubukhali okunene kwabo bawayo; kodwa kuwe, ububele, ukuba uthe wahlala kobo bubele; okanye wogawulwa nawe lo.
- 23** Nabo ke, ukuba abathanga bahlale ekungakholweni, bomiliselwa; kuba uThixo unako ukubuya abamilisele.
- 24** Kuba wena, xa wagawulwa kumnquma ongowasendle ngokwemvelo, waza wamiliselwa ngokunxamnye nemvelo komhle umnquma: bobeka phi na aba bangamasebe ngokwemvelo, ukumiliselwa kwabo kowabo umnquma?
- 25** Kuba andithandi, bazalwana, ukuba ningayazi le mfihlelo, ukuze ningabi ziingqondi ngokwenu: le yokuba ukuqaqadeka kuwahlele amaSirayeli ngenxenye, ide ingene inzaliseko yazo iintlanga;
- 26** aze ngokunjalo ke wonke uSirayeli asindiswe, njengokuba kubhaliwe kwathiwa, Uya kuvela eZiyon uMhlanguli, Akusonge kumke kwaYakobi ukungahloneli Thixo.
- 27** Nguwo ke lo umnqophiso wam nabo, Xa ndithe ndazisusa izono zabo.
- 28** Okunene ngokweendaba ezilungileyo, baziintshaba ngenxa yenu; kodwa ngokonyulo, ngabaziintanda ngenxa yoobawo.
- 29** Kuba azinabuyambo izibabalo ezi, nobizo olu lukaThixo.
- 30** Kuba, njengokuba nani benifudula ningamvi uThixo, ngoku ke nenzelwe inceba kukungeva kwabo abo;
- 31** kwangokunjalo, nabo ababanga namvo ngoku, ukuze ngokwenzelwa kwenu inceba, benzelwe nabo inceba.
- 32** Kuba uThixo ubavalele ndawonye entsweleni-kuva bonke, ukuze abenzele inceba bonke.
- 33** Hayi, ubunzulu bobutyebi nobobulumko nobokwazi kukaThixo! Asikuko nokuba

ayiphengululeki imigwebo yakhe, azilandeki iindlela zakhe!

34 Kuba ngubani na oyazileyo ingqiqo yeNkosi? Ngubani na khona othe waba ngumcebisi wayo?

35 Ngubani na khona owayinikayo ngenxa engaphambili, kwaza kwabuyekezwa kuye?

36 Ngokuba ziphuma kuyo ke, zikho ngayo, zikholo yona, zonke ezo zinto. Malube kuyo uzuko, kude kube ngunaphakade. Amen.

ISAHLUKO 12

Ndiyanivuselela ngoko, bazalwana, ngeemfefe zikaThixo, ukuba niyinikele imizimba yenu ibe lidini eliphilileyo, elingcwele, elikholekileyo kuThixo: inkonzo yenu ke leyo yasengqondweni.

2 Kanjalo ningamilisi okweli phakade; manibe kumila kumbi ngokuhlaziyea kwengqiqo yenu, ukuze nikucikide into okuyiyo ukuthanda kukaThixo okulungileyo, okukholekileyo, okuzalisekileyo.

3 Kuba ngalo ubabalo endababalwa ngalo, ndithi kubo bonke abaphakathi kwenu, mabangazicingeli ngaphezu koko bamelwe kukuzicingela ngako; mabazingele ingcinga ephilileyo, njengoko uThixo abele ulowo nalowo umlinganiso wokholo.

4 Kuba, kwanjengokuba sinamalungu amarinzi mzimbeni mnye, abe ke onke amalungu la engenamsebenzi mnye, ngokunjalo thina aba, sibaninzi nje, simzimba mnye kuKristu, sonke ke ngabanye singamalungu omnye elomnye.

5 Sinezibabalo nje ke ezahlukahlukileyo, ngokbabalo esababalwa ngalo,

6 nokuba sinokuprofeta, masiprefete ngokomlinganiselo wokholo;

7 nokuba sinobulungiseleli, masihlale ebulungiselelini obo; nokuba ngofundisayo, makahlale emfundisweni leyo;

8 nokuba ngovuselelayo, makahlale ekuvuseleleni oko; owabayo makabe engenakumbi; owongamelayo, makongame enyamekile; owenza inceba makayenze inceba echwayithile.

9 Uthando malungabi naluhanahaniso; kuthiyeni okungendawo, namathelani kokulungileyo.

10 Mayela nothando olu lobuzalwana, ndithi, yenzelanani ububele; mayela nembeko leyo, phangelanani;

11 mayela nokunyameka oko, musani ukunqena; mayela nomoya lo, vuthani;

12 mayela neNkosi le, khonzani; mayela nethemba, vuyani; mayela nembandezelo, nyamezelani; mayela nomthandazo, zingisani;

13 mayela neentswelo zabangcwele, yibani nobudlelane; ukubuka iindwendwe kusukeleni.

14 Basikeleleni abanitshutshisayo; sikelelani, ningaqalekisi.

15 Vuyani nabavuyayo, nilile nabalilayo.

16 Cingelanani nto-nye; musani ukucinga izinto eziphakamileyo, tsalelani kwezithobekileyo. Musani ukuba ziingqondi ngokwenu.

17 Ningabuyekezi ububi ngobubi nakubani. Khathalelani okuhle emehlwani abantu bonke.

18 Ukuba kunokwenzeka, okukokwenu nina, hlalani ninoxolo nabantu bonke.

19 Musani ukuziphindezelela, zint'anda; yikhweleleni ingqumbo; kuba kubhaliwe kwathiwa, Impindezeloyeyam, kuya kubuyekeza mna, itsho iNkosi.

- 20** Ngoko ke, ukuba utshaba lwakho lulambile, luphe ludle; ukuba lunxaniwe, luseze; kuba ngokwenjenjalo ke, woba ufumba amalahle omlilo phezu kwentloko yalo.
- 21** Musa ukweyiswa bububi; boyise ububi ngokulungileyo.

ISAHLUKO 13

- Y**onke imiphefumlo mayiwalulamele amagunya awongamileyo. Kuba akukho gunya lingelilo elivela kuThixo; amagunya ke akhoyo amiswe nguThixo.
- 2** Ngoko ke olichasayo igunya, umelene nommiselo kaThixo; abo ke bameleneyo nawo, baya kuziguqulela ukugwetywa.
- 3** Kuba abaphathi aba asingabokoyikwa kwimisebenzi elungileyo, ngabokoyikwa kwemibi. Unga akungeloyiki na ke igunya? Yenza okulungileyo, wodunyiswa kwalilo;
- 4** kuba lingumlungiseleli kaThixo, wokuba kulungele wena. Ke, ukuba usuka wenze okubi, yoyika; kuba alifumane laliphatha ikrele, kuba lingumlungiseleli kaThixo, umphindezeli ngengqumbo kowenza okubi.
- 5** Kungoko ndithi, kufuneka ukulilulamel, ningakwenzi oko ngenxa yengqumbo yodwa, nikwenze nangenxa yesazela.
- 6** Kuba kukwangenxa yoko eninikela irhafu; kuba ngababusi bakaThixo, bezingisa ukusebenza loo nto.
- 7** Ngoko bonke banikeni okubafaneleyo; mnikeni irhafu ofanelwe yirhafu, unikelo ofanelwe lunikelo, ukoyika ofanelwe kukoyikwa, imbeko ofanelwe yimbeko.
- 8** Musani ukuba natyala lanto mntwini, lingelilo elokuthandana; kuba omthandayo omnye uzalise umthetho.
- 9** Kuba oku kuthi, Uze ungakrexezi, uze ungabulali, uze ungebi, uze ungangqini buxoki, uze ungakhanuki, nokuba kukho wumbi umthetho, uhlanganiselwe kweli lizwi lokuthi, Uze umthande ummelwane wakho ngoko uzithanda ngako.
- 10** Uthando alusebenzi bubi kuye ummelwane; ngoko uthando luyinzaliseko yomthetho.
- 11** Ke oko masikwenze, silazi nje ixesha eli, ukuba lilixa lokuba ngoku sivuke ebuthongweni; kuba ngoku usindiso lukufuphi kuthi, kunokuya saqalayo ukukholwa.
- 12** Ubusuku buhambile, ukusa ke kusondele. Masiyilahle ngoko imisebenzi yobumnyama, sixhobe iintonga zokukhanya.
- 13** Masihambe sizibekile ngokwasemini; kungabi sezindywale niasekunxileni; kungabi sekuphimiseni naseburheleyweni; kungabi sezinkanini nasemoneni.
- 14** Yambahani ke iNkosi uYesu Kristu; ize ukwazalelela inyama ningakwenzeli ukukhwezelela iinkanuko zayo.

ISAHLUKO 14

- L**owo ke uswele amandla elukholweni, mamkeleni, kodwa ke kungabi ngokucalula zicamango.
- 2** Omnye okunene uyakholwa ukuba angazidla izinto zonke; kodwa yena oswele amandla udlia imifuno yodwa.
- 3** Lowo udlayo, makangamenzi into engeyakonto ongadliyo; nalowo ungaradliyo, makangamgwebi odlayo; kuba uThixo umamkele.
- 4** Ungubani na wena ugweba isicaka somnye? Ukuma kwaso, nokuba kukuwa kwaso, kusenkosini yaso. Siya kuma ke; kuba uThixo unako ukusimisa.

- ⁵ Omnye okunene ubeka umhla othile kunomnye umhla, wumbi ke ubeka imihla yonke. Elowo nalowo makaqiniseke kweyakhe ingqiqo.
- ⁶ Lowo uwunyamekelayo umhla, uwunyamekelela iNkosi; nalowo ungawunyamekeliyo umhla, engawunyamekeli nje, wenzela iNkosi; lowo udlayo, udlela iNkosi, kuba ebulela kuThixo; nalowo ungadliyo, engadli nje, wenzela iNkosi, abe ebulela kuThixo.
- ⁷ Kuba akukho namnye kuthi uzidlelayo ubomi, akukho namnye uzifelayo.
- ⁸ Kuba nokuba sithi sidle ubomi, sibudlela iNkosi; nokuba sithi sife, sifela iNkosi. Ngoko ke, nokuba sithi sidle ubomi, nokuba sithi sife, singabeNkosi.
- ⁹ Kuba uKristu wafa, wabuya wavuka, wabuya wadla ubomi, ngenxa yoku, ukuze apha the ubukhosu kwabafileyo, kwanakwabaphilileyo.
- ¹⁰ Ke wena, yini na ukuba umgwebé umzalwana wakho? Hi wena, yini na ukuba umenze into engeyakonto umzalwana wakho? Kuba thina siya kuma sonke phambi kwesihlalo sokugweba sikaKristu.
- ¹¹ Kuba kubhaliwe kwathiwa, Ndihleli nje mna, itsho iNkosi, aya kugoba kum onke amadolo, Zidumise uThixo zonke iilwimi.
- ¹² Ngoko ke elowo kuthi uya kuziphendulela kuThixo.
- ¹³ Masingabi sagwebana ngoko; kanye yithini ukugweba, makungabekwa siwiso, nasikhube kiso, phambi komzalwana.
- ¹⁴ Ndiyazi, ndeyisekile, ndiseNkosini uYesu nje, ukuba akukho nto iyinqambi ngokwayo; kodwa ke kuye obalela into ekuthini iyinqambi, kulowo iyinqambi.
- ¹⁵ Ukuba ke umzalwana wakho wenziwa buhlungu ngenxa yokusuka udle, akusahambi ngokothando. Musa ukumtshabalalisa ngokudla kwakho, yena lowo uKristu wamfelayo.
- ¹⁶ Ngoko okulungileyo kwenu makunganyelisa.
- ¹⁷ Kuba ubukumkani bukaThixo abukukudla nakusela; bubulungisa noxolo novuyo kuMoya oyiNgcwele.
- ¹⁸ Kuba omkhonzayo uKristu kwezo zinto, ukholekile kakuhle kuye uThixo; ucikidekile nakubo abantu.
- ¹⁹ Ngoko ke masiskele izinto zoxolo, nezinto zokwakhana.
- ²⁰ Musa ukuthi, ngenxa yokudla, uwuchithe umsebenzi kaThixo. Okunene, konke kuhlambulukile; kodwa ke kubi kuloo mntu uthi ngokudla akhubekise.
- ²¹ Kuhle ukuba ungaseli nyama, ungaseli wayini, ungenzi nto angabetheka kuyo umzalwana wakho, akhubekise kuyo, aswele amandla okuzigcina.
- ²² Wena unokholo na? Hlala nalo emehlwani kaThixo. Unoyolo lowo ungazigwebiyo kuloo nto ayicikidileyo.
- ²³ Ke lowo uthandabuzayo, ukuba uthe wadla, uselegwetyiwe, kuba engadli ngokwaselukholweni; konke ke okungekokwaselukholweni kusisono.

ISAHLUKO 15

- T**hina ke bomeleleyo sifanele ukukuthwala ukuswela amandla kwabangomeleleyo, singazikholsi.
- ² Masithi sonke ngabanye simkholise ummelwane kokumlungeleyo, ukuze akheke.
- ³ Kuba naye uKristu akazikholisanga; wathi, njengokuba kubhaliwe, lingcikivo zabakungcikivayo zawa phezu kwam.
- ⁴ Kuba izinto zonke ezabhalwayo ngenxa engaphambili, zaye zibhalelwu okwethu ukufundiswa, ukuze sithi ngalo unyamezelu novuselelo lwezibhalo sibe nalo ithembu.

- ⁵ Wanga ke uThixo wonyamezelo novuselelo anganinika ukucinga nto-nye phakathi kwenu, ngokukaKristu Yesu;
- ⁶ ukuze nithi, nimxhelo mnye, engamlomo mnye uThixo, uYise weNkosi yethu uYesu Kristu.
- ⁷ Kungoko ndithi, Yamkelanani, njengokuba naye uKristu wasamkelayo, ukuba kuzukiswe uThixo.
- ⁸ Ke kaloku ndithi, uYesu Kristu waba ngumlungiseleli wolwaluko ngenxa yenyariso kaThixo, ukuze aqiniseke amadinga akhe koobawo;
- ⁹ zithi ke iintlanga zimzukise uThixo ngenxa yenceba yakhe, njengokuba kubhaliwe kwathiwa, Ngenxa yoko, ndiya kukudumisa phakathi kweentlanga, Ndilibethelo uhadi igama lakho.
- ¹⁰ Kananjalo athi, Yibani nemihlali, zintlanga, ndawonye nabantu bakhe.
- ¹¹ Kananjalo, Yidumiseni iNkosi, nonke nina zintlanga, Niyibonge, nonke nina bantu.
- ¹² Kananjalo ulsaya uthi, Liya kubakho iHlumelo likaYe; Uya kuvela oya kulawula iintlanga; Ziya kuthembela kuye iintlanga.
- ¹³ Wanga ke uThixo wethemba elo anganizationala ngalo lonke uvuyo noxolo ekukholweni, ukuze niphuphume ithemba ngamandla oMoya oyiNgcwele.
- ¹⁴ Ke kaloku, bazalwana bam, ndeyisekile nam ngokwam, mayelana nani, kukuba nani ngokwenu nizele nazaliswa kukulunga, nizele kuko konke ukwazi, ninako nokululekana.
- ¹⁵ Kodwa ke ndibhalile kuni ngobuganga obukhulu kwezinye iindawo, bazalwana, ngokophindayo ukunikhumbuza ngenxa yobabalo awandibabala ngalo uThixo,
- ¹⁶ ukuze ndibe ngobusela iintlanga kuYesu Kristu, osebenza ububingeleli ngazo iindaba ezilungileyo zikaThixo, ukuze ukusondezwa kweentlanga kwamkeleke kakuhle, kungcwalisiwe ngoMoya oyiNgcwele.
- ¹⁷ Ngoko ndiyazingca, ndikuKristu Yesu, ngezinto ezilunge kuThixo.
- ¹⁸ Kuba mna andiyi kuba nabuganga bakuthetha nto ngezinto angazisebenzanga uKristu ngam, ukuze zimlulamele iintlanga, ngelizwi ke nangomsebenzi, ngamandla emiqondiso nezimanga,
- ¹⁹ ngamandla oMoya kaThixo; endide ndathit, ndithabathela eYerusalem, ndajikelezisa, ndezisa kwelaselliriko, ndazizalisa iindaba ezilungileyo zikaKristu.
- ²⁰ Ndenjenjalo ke ukuzondelela ukushumayela iindaba ezilungileyo; kungekhona apho uKristu wakhankanywayo, ukuze ndingakhi phezu kwesiseko somnye;
- ²¹ kube njengokuba kubhaliwe, kwathiwa, Abo bangabikelwanga nto ngaye, baya kubona; Nabo bangevanga nto, baya kuqonda.
- ²² Kungoko ndabanjezelwayo nokubanjezelwa futhi, ukuba ndingafiki kuni.
- ²³ Ngoku ke ndingasenandawo nje kule mimandla, ndineminyaka ke emininzi ndilangazelela ukuza kuni,
- ²⁴ xa ndihambela kwelaseSpani, ndoza kuni; kuba ndithemba ukunibona xa ndicandayo kuni, nokuphelekelelw nini ukuya khona, ukuba ndithe kuqala ndakha ndadlelana nani ngokwaneleyo.
- ²⁵ Kalokunje ke ndisinga eYerusalem, ndisiya kulungiselela abangcwele.
- ²⁶ Kuba kwakholeka kwabelaseMakedoni nabelaseAkaya, ukuba badlelane namahlwempu abo bangcwele baseYerusalem ngokuwupha okuthile.
- ²⁷ Ndithi kwakholeka kubo, kuba kakade banetyala kubo. Kuba iintlanga, xa zadlelanayo nabo ngezinto zabo ezizezomoya, zifanele ukubabusela ngezizezenyama.
- ²⁸ Ngoko, ndakuba ndikufinyezile oko, ndasinqabisela kubo eso siqhamo, ndobuya ngani

ukuya kwelaseSpani.

29 Ndiyazi ke ukuba ndothi, ndakuza kuni, ndize ndinentsikelelo ezalisekileyo yeendaba ezilungileyo zikaKristu.

30 Ke kaloku ndiyaniuselela, bazalwana, ngayo iNkosi yethu uYesu Kristu, nangalo uthando loMoya, ukuba nizame kunye nam ekundithandazeleni kuye uThixo,

31 ukuze ndihlangulwe kwabaziingqola kwelakwaYuda, nokuze ulungiselelo lwam olusinga eYerusalem lube nokwamkeleka kakuhle kubo abangcwele,

32 ukuze ndize kuni ndinovuyo, ngokuthanda kukaThixo, siphumzane.

33 UThixo ke woxolo makabe nani nonke. Amen.

ISAHLUKO 16

Ke kaloku ndimyaleza kuni uFibhi, udade wethu, ongumlungiseleli webandla eliseKenkreya;

2 ukuze nimamkele ngokwaseNkosini, ngokufanele abangcwele, nimncede emcimbini asukuba enifunela wona; kuba naye ubengumongi wabaninzi, nowam lo.

3 Bulisani kuPrisila noAkwila, abasebenzisi bam abakuKristu Yesu;

4 bona bathi, ngenxa yobomi bam, bazibeka emgoqweni ezabo iintamo, ekungabuleli mna ndedwa kubo, ekubulela nawo onke amabandla azo iintlanga.

5 Bulisani nakwibandla elisendlwini yabo. Bulisani kuPeneto intanda Yam, oyintlahlela yelaseAkaya kuKristu.

6 Bulisani kuMariya, yena wabulalekayo kakhulu ngenxa yenu.

7 Bulisani kuAndroniko noYuniya, imizalwane Yam nabathinjwa ndawonye nam, bona badumileyo phakathi kwabapostile, kanjalo baba kuKristu ngaphambi kwam.

8 Bulisani kuAmpliya, intanda Yam ngokwaseNkosini.

9 Bulisani ku-Urbhano, umncedisi wethu kuKristu, noStaki intanda Yam.

10 Bulisani kuApele ocikidekileyo kuKristu. Bulisani kwabakwa-Aristobhulo.

11 Bulisani kuHerodiyo, umzalwane wam. Bulisani kwabakwaNarkiso abaseNkosini.

12 Bulisani kuTrifena noTrifosa, abo babulalekayo emsebenzini weNkosi. Bulisani kuPersi, intanda, yena wabulalekayo kakhulu emsebenzini weNkosi.

13 Bulisani kuRufo onyuliweyo waseNkosini, nonina, uma.

14 Bulisani kuAsinkrito, kuFilego, kuHerme, kuPatrobha, kuHerma, nabazalwana abanabo.

15 Bulisani kuFilologo, noYuliya, kuNere, nodade wabo, no-Olimpa, nabo bonke abo bangcwele banabo.

16 Bulisanani ngolwango olungcwele. Ayanibulisa amabandla kaKristu.

17 Ke kaloku ndiyaniyalala, bazalwana, balumkeleni abo benza iimbambaniso nezikhubekiso, ezinxamnye nemfundiso enayifundayo nina, niphambuke kubo.

18 Kuba abanjalo abakhonzi yona iNkosi yethu uKristu, bakhonza esabo isisu; baze, ngamazwi anencasa nalalanisayo, balukuhle iintliziyo zabangazani nabubi.

19 Kuba ukululama kwenu kuye kwafika kubo bonke. Ndiyavuya ngoko ngani; ndinga ke ningaba ngabalumkileyo okunene kokulungileyo; kodwa nibe ngabangenabuqhinga kokubi.

20 UThixo ke woxolo uya kumtyumza uSathana kamsinya phantsi kweenyawo zenu. Ubabalo lweNkosi yethu uYesu Kristu malube nani.

21 Bayanibulisa ooTimoti, osebenza nam, noLukiyo, noYason, noSosipatro, imizalwane

yam.

22 Ndiyanibulisa ngokwaseNkosini, mna Tertiyi, uyibhalileyo le ncwadi.

23 Uyanibulisa uGayò, esilundwendwe lwakhe, mna nebandla liphela. Uyanibulisa uErasto, igosa lomzi, noKwarto umzalwana.

24 Ubabalo lweNkosi yethu uYesu Kristu malube nani nonke. Amen.

25 Ke kaloku, kuye onako ukunizimasa ngokweendaba zam ezelungileyo, novakaliso lukaYesu Kristu, ngokokutyhilwa kwemfihlelo ebifihliwe kwasephakadeni, ebonakalalisiweyo ke ngoku,

26 eyaziswayo kanjalo ngezibhalo zabaprofeti ngokommiselo kaThixo ongunaphakade, ukuba kubekho ukulululamelia ukholo, kuzo zonke iintlanga:

27 kuThixo olumke yedwa, ngaye uYesu Kristu, malubekho uzuko kude kube ngunaphakade. Amen.

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