

A Okukhanyisa emhlabeni:

❖ Ukubonakaliswa kukaNkulunkulu (Filipi 2:12-13)

- Ngemva kokuchaza ngobuciko obucacileyo ukwehliswa lokuphakanyiswa kukaJesu, uPawulu wengezelela inkulumbo ethi “ngakho-ke.” Okuyikuthi, njengoba uJesu azithoba futhi waphakanyiswa ukuze “zonke izilimi zivume ukuthi uJesu Kristu uyiNkosi, kube-yinkazimulo kaNkulunkulu uBaba.” (Fil. 2:11) Amakholwa aseFilipi (futhi, ngokwandisa, lathi sonke) kumele enze okuthile ngakho.
- Umsebenzi wethu wokuqala ukusebenzela ukusindiswa kwethu “ngokwesaba langokuthuthumela” (Fil. 2:12). Uma uNkulunkulu kunguye osisindisayo (Thithu 2:11) kungani kufanele sizikhathaze ngakho?
- Ukwesaba lokuthuthumela yizinkulumbo ezisetshenziswa njengeminqodo yokukhonza uNkulunkulu (IHubo 2:11). Ngakho, uPawulu ugcizelela ukuthi nguNkulunkulu oveza kithi isifiso sokwenza okuhle, futhi osinika amandla okukwenza kube ngokoqobo (Filipi 2:13).

❖ Ukukhanya emhlabeni (Filipi 2:14-16)

- :UPawulu ukhomba izici ezintathu ezizakwenza amakholwa akhanye emhlabeni:

(1) Ukulondoloza ubunye (Fil. 2:14): Lapho sisebenza ndawonye, akufanelanga kube lokuhleba, ukuxegana, ukuqhudelana, loba izingxabano.

(2) Ukuziphatha ngokungenasici (Fil. 2:15): Ukulalela uBaba wethu ngendlela elula kuhluka kakhulu ebubini lokushabalala okukhona kuyo yonke indawo.

(3) Ukwethembeka eZwini likaNkulunkulu (Fil. 2:16): Ukuziphatha kwethu lokucabanga kwethu kumele kuvumelane lalokho okufundiswa eBhayibheleni.

- Lapho kunobumnyama obukhulu khona, ukukhanya kukhanya kakhulu. Ezweni lapho uNkulunkulu enqatshwa ngokuhlelekile, thina maKristu kumelwe sikhanye ngokukhanya kukaKristu.

❖ Umnikelo ophilayo (Filipi 2:17-18)

- Langoba uPawulu wayelethemba lokukhululwa, kwakungenzeka ukuba alahlwe. Uveza lokhu okungenzeka ngokuthi “kuthululwa njengomnikelo wokuphuzwayo” (Fil. 2:17).
- Umnikelo wokuphuzwa [umnikelo wokuphuzwayo] wawuhlanganisa ukuthela ukungamanzi phezu komhlatshelo owawunikelwa (Eks. 29:39-40). Kulokhu, umhlatshelo okukhulunywa ngawo kwabaseFilipi.
- Ingabe abaseFilipi babezakufa? Ngitsho qha. Umhlatshelo wabo wawuhlanganisa “inkonzo yokholo lwakho.” Kwakungumnikelo ophilayo, umhlatshelo okufanele sonke siwunikele kuNkulunkulu (Roma 12:1).
- UPawulu akazange akhathazeke ngokufa ngoba ubufakazi bakhe babuyonikeza amandla engeziwe kumakholwa kakade ayesengofakazi abathembekileyo beVangeli, ekhuluma ngalo ngesibindi, futhi eziphatha njengabantwana bakaNkulunkulu abafaneleyo.

B Izibonelo zokukhanya:

❖ Thimothewu (Filipi 2:19-24)

- - UThimothewu wayengumhlanganyeli okhuthuleyo kaPawulu kanye lomlobi-munye wezincwadi eziyisithupha (2 Korinte, Filipi , Kolose, 1 Thesalonika, 2 Thesalonika, Filemoni). KwakunguPawulu ngokwakhe owamkhetha njengomvangeli (IZenzo 16:1-3). Yini uPawulu ayibona eyayikhethekile ngale nsizwa?
- Okokuqala, wonke umuntu “wayekhuluma kahle ngaye.” Ukufanela kwakhe enkonzweni kwaqinisekiswa ngamazwi esiprofetho (1 Thim. 1:18). Esemutsha, uPawulu wayembheka njengendodana (1 Thim. 1:2; 4:12). Ngakolunye uhlangothi, uThimothewu wayephatha uPawulu ngenhlonipho lothando indodana enalo ngoyise (Fil. 2:22).
- UPawulu wayembheka njengesisebenzi esiphumelelayo njengaye (1 Kor. 16:10). Wamupha ukwengamela amasonto amanengana, njengeKorinte (1 Kor. 4:17); Filipi (Fil. 2:19); laseThesalonika (1 Thes. 3:2). Laye wabhekana lokubotshwa njengoPawulu (Heb. 13:23).

❖ Ephafrodithu (Filipi 2:25-30)

- Lapho abaseFilipi besizwa ukuthi uPawulu wayebotshiwe eRoma, banquma ukumthumela usizo ukuze anelise lezidingo zakhe (bamkhokhela indawo yokuhlala, ukudla, izingubo zokugqoka, njalo) U-Ephafrodithu wayelomthwalo wemfanelo wokuletha lolu sizo kumphostoli (Flp. 4:18; 2:25).

- U-Ephafrodithu akagcinanga nje ngokuletha usizo, kodwa waphelezela uPawulu, wamsiza ezidingweni zakhe, futhi wabambisana laye ekusakazeni ivangeli.
- Ekutshisekeleni kwakhe ivangeli, wabeka ukuphila kwakhe engozini futhi wagula kakhulu (Flp. 2:27, 30). Lapho abaseFilipi besizwa lokhu, bakhathazeka ngaye. Lesi kwakuyisizathu esikhulu uPawulu anquma ukumthuma ukuba ahambise incwadi kubo (Fil. 2:26, 28).
- UPawulu ucela lokho “futhi lihloniphe abantu abanjengaye” (Fil. 2:29 NIV). Ngokungelakuthandabuza u-Ephafrodithu wayengumKristu othembekileyo