

A Umqondo wasemhlabeni liba owasezulwini?

❖ Ukugxila kwethu (Kolose 3:1-4)

- Eqala emcabangweni wokuthi savuswa kanye loKristu ngombhaphathizo (Kol. 2:12), uPawulu usikhuthaza ukuba silandele uJesu siye endaweni aya kuyo ngemva kokuvuka kwakhe: isihlalo sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu (Kol. 3:1).
- Yebo, lokhu sizakwazi ukukwenza ngokwenyama kuphela lapho uJesu esisa lapho ekuzeni kwakhe Kwesibili (Kol. 3:4). Okwamanje, kufanele sigxilise amehlo ethu—umgomo wethu—ezintweni zasezulwini (Kol. 3:2).
- “Sifile,” futhi ukuphila kwethu “kufihliwe loKristu kuNkulunkulu” (Kol. 3:3). Impilo okukhulunywa ngayo lapha yileyo esiyitholayo uma samukela uKristu.
- Kodwa leyompilo, ukuze iqhubeke siphila, sidinga ukondliwa nsuku zonke (2 Kor. 4:16). Nsuku zonke kufanele sifune “izinto zaphezulu,” “sigxilise amehlo ethu kuJesu” (Heb. 12:2 NIV).

❖ Ukufa ezintweni zasemhlabeni (Kolose 3:5-6)

- Njengoba sivusiwe kanye loKristu futhi siphila sicabanga ngekwasezulwini, kumele sibulale lokho okusivimbela ekufezeni umgomo wethu: okwasemhlabeni.
- Ukuze kungabikhona umuntu olephutha, uPawulu uveza izinsika eziyisisekelo zokucabanga kwasemhlabeni (azozithukisa kamuva ngamaphuzu aqinile): “ubufebe, ukungcola, inkanuko, izifiso ezimbi, lokuhwaba, okuyikukhonza izithombe” (Kol. 3:5 NIV).
- Imvelo yomuntu ayikashintshi kangako kusukela ngesikhathi sikaPawulu, njengoba sisazungezwe yizinkanuko ezifananayo ezephula kokubili incwadi lomoya weMithetho Elitshumi.
- Futhi kungani kumele ‘sibulale’—silahle, sisuse—lezi zinto emicabangweni lasezenzweni zethu? Ngoba ziletha “ulaka lukaNkulunkulu” futhi ngenxa yalokho azihambisani lemvelo yethu yasezulwini (Kolose 3:6). Bulala okwasemhlabeni ngaphambi kokuthi okwasemhlabeni kubulale!

❖ Ukuzigqokisa okwasezulwini (Kolose 3:7-11)

- Ngendlela yesaga esiliqiniso, uPawulu unezela ezinsikeni ezinhlanu zokucabanga kwasemhlabeni izenzo ezinhlanu zasemhlabeni okufanele zigwenywe: “intukuthelo, lolaka, lenzondo, lokuhlambalaza, lenkulumo ehlambalazayo” (Kol. 3:8 NIV), futhi uphetha ngesenzo sesithupha—esibi kulazo zonke—: “Lingaqambelani amanga” (Kol. 3:9).
- UPawulu uthatha ngokuthi “sesikhumule umuntu omdala kanye lemikhuba yakhe” (Kol. 3:9 NIV). Sikhumule “izingubo ezingcolileyo” lapho sivumele uJesu ukuba asuse izono zethu (Zak. 3:4 NIV).
- Njengoba sikhumula lezo zingubo, kudingeka sigqoke “izingubo ezinhle.” Sembethe lezi zingubo ezintsha, sivuselelwa ngokuqhubekayo, sikhula ebungcweleni usuku losuku (Kol. 3:10).
- Njengoba senziwa batsha ngomsebenzi kaMoya oNgcwele kanye lokufunda iZwi, imigoqo esihlukanisayo iyanyamalala (Kol. 3:11).

B Izici zempilo entsha kuKristu:

❖ Isibopho sokuphelela (Kolose 3:12-14)

- Singabantu “abakhethiweyo bakaNkulunkulu, abangcwele labathandwayo” (Kol. 3:12 NIV). UPetru usitshela ukuthi lokhu kusilethela izinzuzo ezinkulu kanye lomthwalo wemfanelo omkhulu (1 Pet. 2:9). Kodwa uziphatha kanjani omunye wabakhethiweyo bakaNkulunkulu (Kol. 3:12-13)?
 - 1) Ngesihe

- (2) Ngomusa
- (3) Ngokuthobeka
- (4) Ngobumnene
- (5) Ngokubekezela
- (6) Libekezelelana
- (7) Ukuzithethelela

— Futhi konke lokhu phakathi kunjongo yesibopho sokuphelela: uthando (Kol. 3:14). Futhi lezi zinzuzo lezibopho zethu:

- (1) INZUZO: Ngokuziphatha ngale ndlela, siyisibusiso kwabanye lakithi.
- (2) UMTHWALO : Kwangathi ukuziphatha kwethu kungakhazimulisa uNkulunkulu, futhi kwangathi kungakhuthaza labanye ukuba bakholwe kuJesu futhi bamlandele.

❖ **Ukudla kwasezulwini (Kolose 3:15-17)**

— KwabaseKolose 3:15-17 usikhombisa indlela yokondla imvelo yethu yasezulwini (futhi kuvela ukuthi asilakuzondla sodwa, kodwa sidinga ukuhlanganyela kwebandla kulokhu):

- (1) Ukuvumela ukuthula kukaNkulunkulu kusibuse
- (2) Ukuhlala ngazwi linye njengendikimba eyodwa
- (3) Ukubonga
- (4) Ukuhlolisisa iBhayibheli kakhulu
- (5) Ukufundisana lokho esikufundileyo
- (6) Ukuhlabelela amahubo, izihlabelelo, lezingoma zakomoya
- (7) Ukwenza konke egameni likaJesu

— Ukucula kuyisikhali esingasibamba ngaso sonke isikhathi phezu kokuthandabuza. Ngokuvula kanjalo izinhliziyi zethu emisebeni yokukhanya evela ebukhoneni boMsindisi, sizothola impilo futhi sithole isibusiso Sakhe” (Ellen G. White, “The Ministry of Healing,” p. 196).