

# 1 UJOHANE

*ILizwi lokuphila*

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

*Ukuhamba ekukhanyeni*

<sup>5</sup>Leli yilizwi esilizwe kuye esilitshumayela kini elokuthi: UNkulunkulu uyikukhanya; kuye akukho ubumnyama. <sup>6</sup>Uma sisithi silokuhlanganyela laye kodwa sihambe ebumnyameni, siqamba amanga, njalo leqiniso kasilenzi. <sup>7</sup>Kodwa uma sihambe ekukhanyeni, njengoba esekukhanyeni, silokuhlanganyela omunye lomunye, legazi likaJesu, iNdodana yakhe, liyasihlambulula ezonweni zonke.

<sup>8</sup>Uma sisithi kasilasono, siyazikhohlisa, njalo kasilaqiniso. <sup>9</sup>Uma sivuma izono zethu, yena uthembekile njalo ulungile, uzasithethelela izono zethu asihlambulule kukho konke ukungalungi kwethu. <sup>10</sup>Uma sisithi akulasono esasenzayo, simenza abe ngumqambi wamanga, njalo ilizwi lakhe kalilandawo kithi.

**2** Bantwabami abathandekayo, ngililobelha incwadi le ukuze lingenzi izono. Kodwa uma umuntu enze isono, silaye osikhulumelayo kuBaba esivikela – uJesu Khristu oLungileyo. <sup>2</sup>Ungumhlatshelo wenhlawulo yezono zethu, kungasizono zethu kuphela kodwa lezono zomhlabo wonke.

<sup>3</sup>Singaba leqiniso ukuthi siyamazi uma silalela imilayo yakhe. <sup>4</sup>Umuntu othi, “Ngiyamazi,” kodwa angagcini imilayo yakhe uqamba amanga, leqiniso kalalo. <sup>5</sup>Kodwa uma umuntu elalela ilizwi lakhe, uthando lukaNkulunkulu luyapheleliwa sibili kuye. Nanku esazi ngakho ukuthi sikuye: <sup>6</sup>Lowo othi uhlala kuye kumele aphile njengokwenziwa nguJesu.

<sup>7</sup>Bangane abathandekayo, kangililobelha umlayo omutsha kodwa omdala, elalilawo kusukela ekuqaleni. Umlayo lo omdala uyilizwi elalizwayo. <sup>8</sup>Ikanti ngililobelha umlayo omutsha; iqiniso lawo libonakala kuye lakini, ngoba ubumnyama buyedlula lokukhanya okuliqiniso sekukhanya.

<sup>9</sup>Lowo othi useukhanyeni kodwa ezonda umzalwane wakhe ulokhu esebumnyameni. <sup>10</sup>Othanda umzalwane wakhe uhlala ekukhanyeni, njalo akulalutho kuye olungamenza akhubeve. <sup>11</sup>Kodwa lowo ozonda umzalwane wakhe usebumnyameni njalo uyazula ebunmyameni; kakwazi lapho aya khona, ngoba ubumnyama sebumenze waba yisiphofu.

<sup>12</sup>Ngiyalilobelha, bantwana abathandekayo, ngoba izono zenu zithethelelwengenxa yebizo lakhe.

<sup>13</sup>Ngiyalilobelha, bobaba, ngoba selimazi

yena okhona kusukela ekuqaleni.  
 Ngiyalilobel, majaha, ngoba  
     limnqobile omubi.  
     Ngiyalilobel, bantwana  
         abathandekayo,  
             ngoba liyamazi uBaba.  
<sup>14</sup> Ngiyalilobel, bobaba,  
     ngoba selimazi yena okhona  
     kusukela  
     ekuqaleni.  
     Ngiyalilobel, majaha, ngoba  
     lilamandla  
     lelizwi likaNkulunkulu lihlala kini.  
 Njalo limnqobile omubi.

#### *Lingawuthandi umhlaba*

<sup>15</sup> Lingawuthandi umhlaba loba olunye ulutho olusemhlabeni. Uma umuntu ethanda umhlaba, uthando lukaBaba kalukho kuye. <sup>16</sup> Ngoba izinto zonke ezisemhlabeni – izinkanuko zabantu abalezono – ukulangazela kwamehlo abo kanye lokuzigqaja ngezimpahla – akuvei kuBaba kodwa emhlabeni.  
<sup>17</sup> Umhlaba lezinkanuko zawo kuyadlula, kodwa umuntu owenza intando kaNkulunkulu uphila kuze kube nininini.

#### *Isixwayiso ngabaphika uKhristu*

<sup>18</sup> Bantwana abathandekayo, lesi yisikhathi sokucina; njalo njengoba lizwile ukuthi umphikuKhristu uyeza, lakahthesi abanengi abaphika uKhristu sebekhona. Sikwazi kanjalo ukuthi lesi yisikhathi sokucina. <sup>19</sup> Baphuma besuka kithi, kodwa impela babengasibo bakithi. Ngoba aluba babengabakithi, babezahlala lathi; kodwa ukusuka kwabo kwatshengisa ukuthi kakho kubo owayengowakithi.

<sup>20</sup> Kodwa lina ligcotshiwe ngoNgewe, njalo lonke liyalazi iqiniso.  
<sup>21</sup> Kangililobel ngoba iqiniso lingalazi, kodwa ngokuba lilazi langenxa yokuthi

akulamanga aphuma eqinisweni.  
<sup>22</sup> Umqambi wamanga ngubani?  
 Ngumuntu ophikayo ukuthi uJesu unguKhristu. Umuntu onjalo ngumphikuKhristu – uphika uYise leNdodana. <sup>23</sup> Kakho ophika iNdodana oloYise; lowo owamukela iNdodana uloYise futhi.

<sup>24</sup> Bonani ukuthi lokho elakuzwayo kusukela ekuqaleni kuyahlala kini. Uma kuhlala, lani lizahlala likhona eNdodaneni lakuYise. <sup>25</sup> Njalo nanku asithembisa khona – ukuphila okulaphakade.

<sup>26</sup> Ngililobel ngalezizinto mayelana lalabo abazama ukulidukisa. <sup>27</sup> Lina, ukugcotshwa elakwamukela kuye, kuhlezi kukini, njalo kalisweli muntu wokulifundisa. Kodwa njengoba ukugcoba kwakhe kulifundisa izinto zonke, njalo njengoba ukugcoba lokho kuqotho, akusinkohliso – njengoba kulifundisile, hlalani likuye.

#### *Abantwana bakaNkulunkulu*

<sup>28</sup> Ngakho-ke, bantwana abathandekayo, qhubekani likuye, ukuze kuthi lapho esebonakala sibe lesibindi njalo singabi lenhloni phambi kwakhe ekufikeni kwakhe. <sup>29</sup> Uma likwazi ukuthi ulungile, liyakwazi ukuthi umuntu wonke owenza okulungileyo uzalwa nguye.

**3** Yeka ubukhulu bothando uBaba asinika lona, ukuba sibizwe ngokuthi singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu! Njalo lokho yikho esiyikho! Okwenza umhlaba thina ungasazi yikuthi laye kawumazanga. <sup>2</sup> Bangane abathandekayo, khathesi singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu, njalo lokho esizakuba yikho akukaziwa. Kodwa siyakwazi ukuthi lapho ebonakala sizakuba

njengaye, ngoba sizambona njengoba enjalo.<sup>3</sup> Wonke umuntu olethembu leli ngaphakathi kwakhe uyazihlambulula, njengaye ohlambulukileyo.

<sup>4</sup> Umuntu wonke owenza izono wephula umthetho; ngempela, isono yikungabi lomthetho. <sup>5</sup> Kodwa liyakwazi ukuthi wabonakala ukuze asuse izono zethu. Njalo kuye akulasono. <sup>6</sup> Kakho ohlala kuye oqhubeka esenza izono. Kakho oqhubeka esenza izono owambonayo kumbe omaziyo.

<sup>7</sup> Bantwana abathandekayo, lingavumeli muntu eledukisa. Lowo owenza okulungileyo ulungile, njengaye olungileyo. <sup>8</sup> Lowo owenza izono ngokaSathane ngoba uSathane wenza izono kusukela ekuqaleni. INdodana kaNkulunkulu yabonakala ukuze ichithe imisebenzi kaSathane. <sup>9</sup> Kakho ozelwe nguNkulunkulu ozaqhubeka esenza izono, ngoba ezelwe nguNkulunkulu.

<sup>10</sup> Sibazi kanje ukuthi abantwana bakaNkulunkulu ngobani kanye lokuthi abangabantwana bakaSathane ngobani: Lowo ongenzi okulungileyo kasuye mntakaNkulunkulu; loba lowo ongamthandiyo umfowabo.

### *Thandanani*

<sup>11</sup> Leli yilizwi elalizwayo kusukela ekuqaleni: Kumele sithandane.

<sup>12</sup> Lingabi njengoKhayini, owayengokaSathane wasebulala umfowabo. Wambulalelani na? Ngoba ezakhe izenzo zazizimbi ezomfowabo zilungile. <sup>13</sup> Lingamangali, bazalwane bami, uma umhlaba ulizonda.

<sup>14</sup> Siyakwazi ukuthi sesidlulile ekufeni saya ekuphileni, ngoba siyabathanda abazalwane bethu. Lowo ongathandiyo ulokhu esekufeni. <sup>15</sup> Lowo ozonda umzalwane wakhe ungumbulali, njalo liyakwazi ukuthi akulambulali olukphila okungapheliyo kuye.

<sup>16</sup> Nanku esazi ngakho ukuthi uthando luyini: UJesu Khristu wadela ukuphila kwakhe ngenxa yethu. Lathi kufanele sidele ukuphila kwethu ngenxa yabazalwane bethu. <sup>17</sup> Uma umuntu enothile abone umzalwane wakhe oswelayo kodwa angabi lesihawu kuye, uthando lukaNkulunkulu lungaba kuye kanjani na?<sup>18</sup> Bantwana abathandekayo, kasingathandi ngamazwi loba ulimi kuphela kodwa ngezenzo langeqiniso.

<sup>19</sup> Ngalokhu sazi kanje ukuthi singabequiniso lokuthi sizibeka njani izinhliziyo zethu ekuphumuleni phambi kwakhe <sup>20</sup> lapho izinhliziyo zethu zisilahla. Ngoba uNkulunkulu mkhulu kakhulu kulezhinhliziyo zethu, njalo wazi izinto zonke.

<sup>21</sup> Bazalwane abathandekayo, uma izinhliziyo zethu zingasilahli, silesibindi phambi kukaNkulunkulu <sup>22</sup> njalo samukela kuye konke esikucelayo, ngoba siyayilalela imilayo yakhe senze okumthokozisayo. <sup>23</sup> Nanku umlayo wakhe: ukukholwa ebizweni leNdodana yakhe, uJesu Khristu, lokuthandana njengokusilaya kwakhe. <sup>24</sup> Labo abalalela imilayo yakhe bahlala kuye, laye kubo. Njalo sikhazi kanje ukuthi uhlala kithi: Sikwazi ngoMoya asinika yena.

### *Hlolani omoya*

**4** Bazalwane abathandekayo, lingaze labakholwa omoya bonke, kodwa bahloleni omoya ukuba libone langabe bavela kuNkulunkulu, ngoba abaphrofethi bamanga abanengi sebekhona emhlabeni. <sup>2</sup> Lingamazi kanje uMoya kaNkulunkulu: Umoya wonke ovumayo ukuthi uJesu Khristu weza engumuntu uvela kuNkulunkulu,

<sup>3</sup> kodwa wonke umoya ongamvumiyo uJesu kaveli kuNkulunkulu. Lowo ngumoya womphikuKhristu, elezwayo

ukuthi uyeza njalo osukhona khathesi emhlabeni.

<sup>4</sup> Lina, bantwana abathandekayo,  
lingabakaNkulunkulu, njalo  
selibanqobile, ngoba  
lowo okini mkhulu kulalowo  
osemhlabeni. <sup>5</sup> Bona bangabasemhlabeni,  
ngakho bakhuluma ngokwengqondo  
yasemhlabeni, njalo umhlaba  
uyabalalela. <sup>6</sup> Thina  
singabakaNkulunkulu, njalo lowo  
omaziyo uNkulunkulu uyasilalela;  
kodwa lowo ongasuye kaNkulunkulu  
kasilaleli. Simazi kanje uMoya weqiniso  
lomoya wamanga.

#### *Uthando lukaNkulunkulu lolwethu*

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

<sup>13</sup> Siyakwazi ukuthi sihlala kuye laye  
kithi ngoba usinike okukaMoya wakhe.

<sup>14</sup> Sibonile njalo siyafakaza ukuthi uBaba  
uyithumele iNdodana yakhe ukuba ibe  
nguMsindisi womhlaba. <sup>15</sup> Uma umuntu  
evuma ukuthi uJesu uyiNdodana

kaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu uhlala kuye  
laye kuNkulunkulu. <sup>16</sup> Ngakho siyazi  
njalo sithembe uthando uNkulunkulu  
alalo kithi.

UNkulunkulu uluthando. Ohlala  
ethandweni, uhlala kuNkulunkulu,  
loNkulunkulu kuye. <sup>17</sup> Uthando  
luyapheleliwa kithi ukuze sibe lesibindi  
ngosuku lokwahlulewa, ngoba kulo  
umhlaba lathi sinjengaye. <sup>18</sup> Ethandweni  
akulakwesaba. Uthando olupheleleyo  
luyaxotsha ukwesaba, ngoba ukwesaba  
kukhumbuza isijeziso. Umuntu  
owesabayo kapheleliwa ethandweni.

<sup>19</sup> Siyathanda ngoba yena wasithanda  
kuqala. <sup>20</sup> Uma umuntu esithi, “Mina  
ngiyamthanda uNkulunkulu,” kodwa  
ezonda umfowabo, ulamanga. Ngoba  
umuntu ongamthandiyo umfowabo,  
ambonayo, angeke amthande  
uNkulunkulu angakaze ambone. <sup>21</sup> Njalo  
wasinika umlayo lo: Lowo othanda  
uNkulunkulu kumele athande  
lomfowabo.

#### *Ukukholwa eNdodaneni kaNkulunkulu*

**5** Umuntu wonke okholwayo ukuthi  
uJesu nguKhristu uzelwe  
nguNkulunkulu, njalo umuntu wonke  
othanda uyise womntwana uyamthanda  
lomntwana wakhe lowo. <sup>2</sup> Sikwazi kanje  
ukuthi siyabathanda abantwana  
bakaNkulunkulu: ngokuthanda  
uNkulunkulu sigeina imilayo yakhe.  
<sup>3</sup> Ukuthanda uNkulunkulu yilokhu:  
ukulalela imilayo yakhe. Njalo imilayo  
yakhe kayinzima, <sup>4</sup> ngoba umuntu wonke  
ozelwe nguNkulunkulu uwunqobile  
umhlaba. Lokhu yikunqoba okwehlule  
umhlaba, okuyikukholwa kwethu.  
<sup>5</sup> Ngubani lowo onqoba umhlaba?  
Ngulowo kuphela okholwayo ukuthi  
uJesu uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu.

<sup>6</sup> Lo nguye oweza ngamanzi

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

#### *Amazwi okucina*

<sup>13</sup> Ngililobelala lezizinto lina abakholwayo ebizweni leNdodana kaNkulunkulu ukuze lazi ukuthi lilokuphila okulaphakade.  
<sup>14</sup> Silesiqiniselo lesi ekusondeleni kuNkulunkulu: ukuthi uma sicela ulutho ngokwentando yakhe, uyasizwa. <sup>15</sup> Uma sisazi ukuthi uyasizwa – loba kuyini esikucelayo – siyakwazi ukuthi silakho esikucele kuye.

<sup>16</sup> 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.  
<sup>17</sup> Konke ukwenza okubi kuyisono, njalo kulesono esingakhokheleli ekufeni.

<sup>18</sup> Siyakwazi ukuthi umuntu ozelwe nguNkulunkulu kaqhubezi esenza izono; lowo owazalwa nguNkulunkulu uyamvikela, loSathane kamthinti.

<sup>19</sup> Siyakwazi ukuthi singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu, kanye lokuthi umhlaba wonke ungaphansi kwamandla omubi.

<sup>20</sup> 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.

<sup>21</sup> Bantwana abathandekayo, xwayani izithombe.