

## 2 KWABASEKHORINTE

**1** UPhawuli, umphostoli kaKhristu

uJesu ngentando kaNkulunkulu,  
loThimothi umzalwane wethu,

Ebandleni likaNkulunkulu eKhorinte,  
kanye lakubangcwele bonke kulo lonke  
elase-Akhayiya:

<sup>2</sup> Umusa lokuthula okuvela  
kuNkulunkulu uBaba laseNkosini uJesu  
Khristu kakube kini.

*UNkulunkulu Wendunduzo Yonke*

<sup>3</sup> Kabongwe uNkulunkulu uYise  
weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, uYise  
wesihawu loNkulunkulu wendunduzo  
yonke, <sup>4</sup> osiduduzayo kuzo zonke  
izinhlopheko zethu, ukuze lathi siduduze  
abasekhluphekeni ngenduduzo  
esiduduzwe ngayo nguNkulunkulu.

<sup>5</sup> Ngoba njengoba izinhlopheko  
zikaKhristu zigelezela ekuphileni  
kwethu, ngakho ngokunjalo futhi  
ngoKhristu induduzo yethu  
iyaphuphuma. <sup>6</sup> Uma sidabukile,  
kungenxa yenduduzo yenu lensindiso;  
uma siduduzekile, kungenxa  
yokududuzwa kwenu, okulenza  
liqinisele ekubekezeleleni zona lezo  
zinhlopheko ezisihluphayo. <sup>7</sup> Ithemba  
lethu ngani liqinile, ngoba siyakwazi  
ukuthi njengoba lahlanganyela  
ekuhluphekeni kwethu, ngokunjalo  
liyahlanganyela ekududuzweni kwethu.

<sup>8</sup> Kasithandi, bazalwane, ukuba libe  
ngabangaziyo ngobunzima esabuzwayo  
esifundeni sase-Asiya.

Sasilokucindezeleka okukhulu,  
okungaphezu kwamandla ethu  
okokubhensela, saze saphelwa  
lalithemba lokuphila. <sup>9</sup> Impela isigwebo  
sokufa sasizwa ezinhliziyweni zethu.  
Kodwa lokhu kwenzakala ukuze

singazithembi thina ngokwethu kodwa  
uNkulunkulu, ovusa abafileyo.

<sup>10</sup> Wasihlenga engozini ebulalayo, njalo  
uzasikhulula. Ithemba lethu silibeke  
kuye ukuba uzaqhubeka ngokusihlenga,  
<sup>11</sup> lapho lisisiza ngemikhuleko yenu.

Abanengi bazasibongela ngenxa yomusa  
omangalisayo esiwuphiweyo emva  
kwemikhuleko yabanengi.

*UPhawuli Uguqula Amalungiselelo*

<sup>12</sup> Nanku ukuzincoma kwethu: Isazela  
sethu siyafakaza ukuthi sibe  
lokuziphatha emhlabeni, ikakhulu  
kubudlelwano bethu lani, kubo  
ubungcwele lobuqotho obuvela  
kuNkulunkulu. Lokhu kasikwenzanga  
mayelana lokuhlakanipha  
kwasemhlabeni kodwa mayelana lomusa  
kaNkulunkulu. <sup>13</sup> Ngoba kasililobeli  
ngolutho elingeke lilubale loba  
liludedisise. Njalo ngiyathemba ukuthi,  
<sup>14</sup> njengoba seliqedisisa okunye ngathi,  
lizaqedisisa okupheleleyo lizincome  
ngathi njengoba lathi sizazincoma ngani  
ngosuku lweNkosi uJesu.

<sup>15</sup> Ngokuba ngangilethemba kulokhu,  
ngaceba ukwethekela lina kuqala ukuze  
lisizakale kabili. <sup>16</sup> Ngaceba ukulethekela  
ohambeni lwami lokuya eMakhedoniya,  
ngibuye kini futhi sengivela  
eMakhedoniya, libe selingithuma-ke  
ohambeni lwami lokuya eJudiya.

<sup>17</sup> Ekulungiseni kwami lokhu,  
ngakwenza kalula na? Kanje ngenza  
amalungiselelo ami ngendlela  
yasemhlabeni ukuba sikhathi sinye  
ngithi, "Yebo, yebo," njalo ngisithi,  
"Hatshi, hatshi," na?

<sup>18</sup> Kodwa ngeqiniso njengoba  
UNkulunkulu ethembekile ilizwi lethu  
kini kalisikuthi "Yebo," lokuthi,  
"Hatshi." <sup>19</sup> Ngoba iNdodana  
kaNkulunkulu, uJesu Khristu,  
eyatshunyayelwa kini yimi loSila kanye  
loThimothi, yayingasuye u"Yebo" lo

"Hatshi," kodwa kuyo kokuphela kwakungu "Yebo." <sup>20</sup> Ngoba lanxa zizinengi kangakanani izithembiso uNkulunkulu azenzileyo, zingu "Yebo" kuKhristu. Ngakho ngaye u"Ameni" utshiwo yithi sidumisa uNkulunkulu. <sup>21</sup> Njalo nguNkulunkulu owenza thina kanye lani siqine kuKhristu. Wasigcoba, <sup>22</sup> wasibeka uphawu lwakhe lokuba ngabakhe, wabeka loMoya wakhe ezinhliziyweni zethu njengesibambiso, eqinisela okuzayo. <sup>23</sup> Ngibiza uNkulunkulu ukuba ngufakazi wami ukuthi kangibuyanga eKhorinte ukuze ngingalikhathazi. <sup>24</sup> Akusikuthi silibamba ngamandla ekukholweni kwenu, kodwa sisebenza lani ukuze lithokoze, ngoba liqine ngokholo.

**2** Ngakho ngenza isinqumo engqondweni yami ukuba ngingenzi olunye uhambo olubuhlungu lokuza kini. <sup>2</sup> Ngoba uma ngilihlupha, ngubani omunye ozangithokozisa ngaphandle kwenu lina esengilihluphile? <sup>3</sup> Ngaloba kanjalo ukuze kuthi lapho sengifika ngingadaniswa yilabo okumele bangithokozise. Ngangilithembile lonke, ukuba lonke lizahlanganyela lami ekuthokozeni kwami. <sup>4</sup> Ngoba ngalilobela ngokukhathazeka okukhulu lobuhlungu benhliziyo njalo langezinyembezi ezinengi, hatshi ukuba ngilizwise ubuhlungu kodwa ukuba ngilazise ngokuzika kothando lwami kini.

*Ukuthethelelwa kwesoni*

<sup>5</sup> Uma kukhona obange usizi kalubanganga kimi, kangangokuba elubange kini lonke – uma ngingedlulisi amalawulo. <sup>6</sup> Isizeziso asinikwe ngabanengi simlingene. <sup>7</sup> Esikhundleni salokhu, kumele limthethelele njalo

limduduze, ukuze angagajelwa lusizi olukhulu. <sup>8</sup> Ngakho ngiyalincenga ukuba liluqinise futhi uthando lwenu kuye. <sup>9</sup> Isizatho sokulilobela kwakuyikuba ngibone langabe lalizamelana lobunzima lilalele ezintweni zonke. <sup>10</sup> Uma lithethelela omunye umuntu, lami ngiyamthethelela. Njalo lokho esengikuthethelele – uma kukhona okumele kuthethelele – ngithethelele phambi kukaKhristu ngenxa yenu, <sup>11</sup> ukuze uSathane angasiqilibezeli. Ngoba amacebo akhe siyawazi.

*Izisebenzi Zesivumelwano Esitsha*

<sup>12</sup> Ekuyeni kwami eThrowa ukuyatshumayela ivangeli likaKhristu njalo ngithola ukuthi iNkosi yayingivulele umnyango, <sup>13</sup> ngajinga ngingelakho ukuthula emoyeni wami, ngoba ngingamtholanga umzalwane wami uThithusi khona. Ngakho ngavalelisa ngasengisedlulela eMakhedoniya.

<sup>14</sup> Kodwa-ke kabongwe uNkulunkulu, yena osikhokhela kokuphela edwendweni lokunqoba kuKhristu njalo ehla ngathi ezindaweni zonke iphunga elimnandi elokumazi yena.

<sup>15</sup> Ngoba kuNkulunkulu siliphunga elimnandi likaKhristu phakathi kwalabo abasindiswayo lalabo ababhuhayo.

<sup>16</sup> Komunye siliphunga elibi lokufa; komunye siliphunga elimnandi lokuphila. Ngubani olingene umsebenzi lo na? <sup>17</sup> Thina kasihambi sithengisa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu njengabanengi. Kodwa kuKhristu siyakhuluma phambi kukaNkulunkulu ngobuqotho, njengabantu abathunywe nguNkulunkulu.

### 3 Kanti sesiqala futhi ukuzethula na?

Loba, njengabanye abantu, siswela izincwadi zokusikhulumela kini kumbe ezivela kini na? <sup>2</sup> Lina ngokwenu liyizincwadi zethu ezibhalwe ezinhliziyweni zethu, ezaziwayo lezifundwa ngumuntu wonke.

<sup>3</sup> Liyabonakalisa ukuba liyincwadi evela kuKhristu, isithelo sokutshumayela kwethu, engabhalwanga ngeyinki kodwa ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu ophilayo, hatshi ezincezwini zamatshe kodwa ezincezweni zezinhliziyiyo zabantu.

<sup>4</sup> Ithemba elinjengaleli ngelethu ngoKhristu phambi kukaNkulunkulu.

<sup>5</sup> Kungayisikho ukuthi siyanelisa ukwahlulela konke esikwenzayo, kodwa amandla ethu avela kuNkulunkulu.

<sup>6</sup> Usiphe amandla okuba yizisebenzi zesivumelwano esitsha – kungayisiso sokulotshiweyo kodwa esikaMoya; ngoba okulotshiweyo kuyabulala, kodwa uMoya uletha ukuphila.

#### *Inkazimulo Yesivumelwano Esitsha*

<sup>7</sup> Uma imfundiso eyaletha ukufa eyayidwetshwe ngamabala elitsheni, yeza lenkazimulo, ukuze abako-Israyeli bangabukhangeli kokuphela ubuso bukaMosi ngenxa yenkazimulo yabo, lanxa nje yayisifiphala, <sup>8</sup> kambe imfundiso kaMoya kayiyikuba lenkazimulo enkulu na? <sup>9</sup> Uma imfundiso elahla abantu ilenkazimulo, pho inkulu kangakanani inkazimulo yemfundiso eletha ukulunga. <sup>10</sup> Ngoba okwakulenkazimulo khathesi akuselayo inkazimulo ekuqathanisweni lenkazimulo enkulu. <sup>11</sup> Njalo uma okwakufiphala kwaletsa inkazimulo, pho inkulu kangakanani inkazimulo yalokho okungulaphakade!

<sup>12</sup> Ngakho, njengoba silethemba elinje, silesibindi. <sup>13</sup> Thina kasinjengoMosi owamboza ubuso bakhe ukuze abako-

Israyeli bangabukhangeli lapho inkazimulo yayisifiphala. <sup>14</sup> Kodwa izingqondo zabo zathundubezwa, ngoba kuze kube lamhla lesosembeso sisala sikhona lapho isivumelwano esidala sibalwa. Kasisuswanga, ngoba sisuswa ngoKhristu kuphela. <sup>15</sup> Langalolosuku nxa kubalwa umlayo kaMosi, isembeso simboza izinhliziyiyo zabo. <sup>16</sup> Kodwa uma umuntu ephendukela eNkosini, "isembeso siyasuswa." <sup>17</sup> INkosi inguMoya, njalo lapho okuloMoya weNkosi khona, kulokukhululeka. <sup>18</sup> Njalo thina, sonke esibonakalisa inkazimulo yeNkosi ngobuso obungambozwanga, siguqulelwa ekufananeni layo ngenkazimulo ekhula kokuphela, evela eNkosini, enguMoya.

#### *Inotho Ezimbizeni Zebumba*

### 4 Ngakho, njengoba ngomusa

kaNkulunkuu silale imfundiso kasiphelelwa lithemba. <sup>2</sup> Kodwa-ke sizilahlele izindlela zangasese lezilahlazo; kasisebenzisi buqili, loba sihlanekele ilizwi likaNkulunkulu. Kodwa ngokubeka iqiniso obala sizinikela kusazela somuntu wonke phambi kukaNkulunkulu. <sup>3</sup> Lanxa ivangeli lethu limboziwe, limbozwe kulabo ababhubhayo. <sup>4</sup> Unkulunkulu walesisikhathi usenqunde izingqondo zabangakhohwayo, ukuze bangakuboni ukukhanya kwevangeli lenkazimulo kaKhristu, ongumfanekiso kaNkulunkulu. <sup>5</sup> Ngoba kasizitshumayeli thina ngokwethu, kodwa uJesu Khristu njengeNkosi, njalo thina njengezinceku zenu ngenxa kaJesu. <sup>6</sup> Ngoba uNkulunkulu owathi, "Ukukhanya kakukhanye emnyameni," wenza ukukhanya kwakhe kwakhanya ezinhliziyweni zethu ukuba asiphe ukukhanya kokwazi inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ebusweni bukaKhristu.

<sup>7</sup> Kodwa inotho le silayo ezimbizeni zebumba ukubonakalisa ukuthi amandla la amakhulukazi avela kuNkulunkulu hatshi kithi. <sup>8</sup> Sicindezelwe kalukhuni emaceleni wonke, kodwa kasichobozwanga; sididekile, kodwa kasilahlanga ithemba; <sup>9</sup> siyahlukuluzwa, kodwa kasidelwanga; sitshayelwa phansi, kodwa kasibhujiswanga.

<sup>10</sup> Sikuthwele njalo nje emizimbeni yethu ukufa kukaJesu, ukuze ukuphila kukaJesu lakho kwambulwe emizimbeni yethu. <sup>11</sup> Ngoba thina abaphilayo sihlezi sinikelwa ekufeni ngenxa kaJesu, ukuze ukuphila kwakhe kwambulwe emizimbeni yethu efayo. <sup>12</sup> Ngakho ukufa kuyasebenza kithi, kodwa ukuphila kuyasebenza kini.

<sup>13</sup> Kulotshiwe ukuthi: "Ngakholwa; ngakho sengikhulumile." Ngawona lowo moya wokukholwa lathi siyakholwa, ngakho siyakhuluma, <sup>14</sup> ngoba siyakwazi ukuthi lowo owavusa iNkosi uJesu kwabafuleyo lathi uzasivusa loJesu asethule kanye lani phambi kwakhe.

<sup>15</sup> Konke lokhu ngokokusiza lina, ukuze kuthi umusa ofika ebantwini abanengi ungenza ukubonga kwande ukuze kudunyiswe uNkulunkulu.

<sup>16</sup> Ngakho kasilahli themba. Lanxa ngaphandle sicikizeka, kodwa ngaphakathi senziwa sibe batsha izinsuku zonke. <sup>17</sup> Ngoba ukukhanya kwethu lezinhlupheko zethu ezincane ezesikhatshana zisizuzela inkazimulo elaphakade enkulu kulazo zonke. <sup>18</sup> Ngakho amehlo ethu kasiwakhangelisanga kokubonakalayo, kodwa kokungabonakaliyo. Ngoba okubonakalayo kuyedlula, kodwa okungabonakaliyo kakuyikuphela.

*Indawo Yethu Yokuhlala Ezulwini*

**5** Siyakwazi ukuthi uma ithente lethu lasemhlabeni lidilizwa, silesakhiwo

esivela kuNkulunkulu, indlu elaphakade ezulwini, engakhiwanga ngezandla zabantu. <sup>2</sup> Okwakhathesi siyabubula, sifisa ukwembeswa ngekhaya lethu lasezulwini, <sup>3</sup> ngoba uma sesembesiwe kasiyikufunyanwa sinqunu. <sup>4</sup> Ngoba nxa sisesekeleli ithente, siyabubula njalo siyasindwa, ngoba kasifisi ukwembulwa kodwa ukwembeswa ngekhaya lethu lasezulwini, ukuze okufayo kuginywe yikuphila. <sup>5</sup> NguNkulunkulu owasidalayo ngenxa yale injongo njalo wasinika uMoya njengesibambiso, eqinisela okuzayo.

<sup>6</sup> Ngakho sihlezi silethemba njalo siyakwazi ukuthi uma sisesekehona ekhaya emzimbeni sikhatshana leNkosi.

<sup>7</sup> Siphila ngokukholwa, hatshi ngokubona. <sup>8</sup> Ngithi silethemba, njalo ngingakhetha ukuba khatshana lomzimba ngisekhaya kanye leNkosi. <sup>9</sup> Ngakho sikwenza kube yinjongo yethu ukuyithokozisa, langabe sisekhaya emzimbeni loba kude lawo. <sup>10</sup> Ngoba sonke kumele sime phambi kwesihlalo sokwahlulela sikaKhristu, ukuze lowo lalowo amukele okumfaneleyo okwezinto azenzayo esemzimbeni, langabe ngezinhle loba ezimbi.

*Imfundiso Yokubuyisana*

<sup>11</sup> Ngakho njengoba sikwazi ukuthi ukwesaba iNkosi kuyini, siyazama ukubancenga abantu. Lokhu thina esiyikho kusobala kuNkulunkulu, njalo ngithemba kusobala lakuzazela zenu.

<sup>12</sup> Kasizami ukuzibika kini futhi, kodwa silinika ithuba lokuba lizigqaje ngathi, ukuze lanalise ukubaphendula labo abazigqaja ngokubonakalayo endaweni yalokho okusenhliziyweni. <sup>13</sup> Uma sesiphambene ingqondo, kungenxa yokwenzela kwethu uNkulunkulu; uma sipehelele engqondweni, senzela lina.

<sup>14</sup> Ngoba uthando lukaKhristu luyasifuqa, ngoba siyakholwa ukuba

oyedwa wafela bonke, ngakho bonke bafa. <sup>15</sup> Wafela abantu bonke ukuze abaphilayo bangaziphileli bona ngokwabo, kodwa lowo owabafelayo waviruswa njalo.

<sup>16</sup> Ngakho-ke kusukela khathesi kusiya phambili kasikhangeli muntu ngengqondo yasemhlabeni. Lanxa sake sakhangela uKhristu ngale indlela, kasisakwenzi. <sup>17</sup> Ngakho uma umuntu ekuKhristu, uyisidalwa esitsha; okudala akusekho, sekufike okutsha. <sup>18</sup> Konke lokhu kuvela kuNkulunkulu owasibuyisela kuye ngoKhristu wasinika imfundiso yokubuyisana: <sup>19</sup> ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayebuyisa umhlaba kuye ngoKhristu, abantu engababaleli izono zabo. Njalo usesinike ilizwi lokubuyisana. <sup>20</sup> Ngakho-ke singabameli bakaKhristu, ngokungathi uNkulunkulu wenza isikhalazo sakhe ngathi. Siyalincenga simele uKhristu sithi: Buyisanani loNkulunkulu.

<sup>21</sup> UNkulunkulu wamenza waba yisono owayengelasono ngenxa yethu, ukuze kuthi kuye sibe yikulunga kukaNkulunkulu.

## 6 Njengabasebenza kanye

loNkulunkulu siyalincenga ukuba lingamukeli umusa kaNkulunkulu ngeze. <sup>2</sup> Ngoba uthi:

"Ngesikhathi somusa wami ngalizwa, langosuku lwensindiso yami ngalisiza."

Zwanini, khathesi sekuyisikhathi somusa kaNkulunkulu, khathesi lusuku lwensindiso.

### *Izinhlupheko ZikaPhawuli*

<sup>3</sup> Kasibeki zikhubekiso endleleni yomuntu, ukuze imfundiso yethu ingasolwa. <sup>4</sup> Kodwa, njengezisebenzi zikaNkulunkulu sizethula ngazo zonke

izindlela: ngokubekezela okukhulu; ekuhluphekeni, ebunzimeni kanye lasezinsizini; <sup>5</sup> ekutshayweni, ekuvalelweni entolongweni lakuziphithiphithi; ukusebenza nzima, ukungalali ebusuku kanye lendlala; <sup>6</sup> ukuhlambuluka, ukuqedisisa, ukubekezela kanye lomusa; ngoMoya oNgcwele langothando oluqotho; <sup>7</sup> ngokukhuluma iqiniso langamandla kaNkulunkulu; ngezikhali zokulunga esandleni sokudla lesenxele; <sup>8</sup> ngodumo langehlazo, ukukhulunyelwa kubi lokukhulunyelwa kuhle; siqotho, kodwa sikhangelwa njengabakhohlisi; <sup>9</sup> siyaziwa kodwa sikhangelwa njengabangaziwayo, abafayo, kodwa siqhubeka siphila; siyatshaywa, kodwa kasibulawanga, <sup>10</sup> sisosizini, kodwa sihlezi sijabula; simpofu, kodwa sinothisa abanengi; kasilalutho, kodwa silezinto zonke. <sup>11</sup> Sikhulume kini sikhululekile, maKhorinte, sazivula ngokupheleleyo izinhliziyi zethu kini. <sup>12</sup> Kasilugodli uthando lwethu kini, kodwa lina liyalugodla olweni kithi. <sup>13</sup> Okungaba yikuphana okuhle – ngikhuluma njengebantwaneni bami – lani zivuleni ngokupheleleyo izinhliziyi zenu kithi.

### *Lingazibopheli Labangakholwayo*

<sup>14</sup> Lingazibopheli ndawonye labangakholwayo. Ngoba ukululunga lobubi kulokuhambelana bani na? Loba yibudlelwano bani obungaba khona phakathi kokukhanya lomnyama na? <sup>15</sup> Yikuzwana bani okukhona phakathi kukaKhristu loBheliyali na? Yikuhambelana bani okholwayo alakho longakholwayo na? <sup>16</sup> Yisivumelwano bani esikhona phakathi kwethempeli likaNkulunkulu lezithombe na? Ngoba thina silithempeli likaNkulunkulu ophilayo. Njengoba uNkulunkulu wathi:

"Ngizahlala labo ngihambe phakathi kwabo, njalo ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wabo bona babe ngabantu bami."

<sup>17</sup> "Ngakho phumani kubo lehlukane labo, kutsho iNkosi.

Lingathinti lutho olungcolileyo, mina ngizalemukela."

<sup>18</sup> "Mina ngizakuba nguYihlo, lina lizakuba ngamadodana lamadodakazi ami, kutsho iNkosi uSomandla."

**7** Njengoba silezithembiso lezi, bazalwane abathandekayo, kasizihlambululeni ezintweni zonke ezingcolisa umzimba lomoya, siphelile ubungcwele ngokwesaba uNkulunkulu.

#### *Intokozo KaPhawuli*

<sup>2</sup> Sivuleleni izinhliziyu zenu. Kasonanga muntu, kasixhwalisanga muntu, kasenzanga nzuzo ngomuntu. <sup>3</sup> Kangitsho lokhu ukuba ngililahle; ngitshilo ngaphambili ukuthi likhona ezinhliziyweni zethu okungenza siphile kumbe sife lani. <sup>4</sup> Ngilethemba elikhulu ngani; ngiyaziqqaja kakhulu ngani. Ngiququngwe isibindi; kuzo zonke izinhlupho zami intokozo yami kayilamikhawulo.

<sup>5</sup> Ngoba ekufikeni kwethu eMakhedoniya, umzimba wethu lo wawungelakuphumula, kodwa sasikhathazwa ezindaweni zonke – ingxabano ngaphandle, lokwesaba ngaphakathi. <sup>6</sup> Kodwa uNkulunkulu oduduza abadanileyo, wasiduduza ngokufika kukaThithusi, <sup>7</sup> kungayisikho ngokufika kwakhe kuphela kodwa langokumduduza kwenu. Wasitshela ngokungikhumbula kwenu. Langosizi lwenu olukhulu, lokutshiseka kwenu

likhathazeka ngami, ukuthokoza kwami kwaze kwaba kukhulu kakhulu kulanini.

<sup>8</sup> Lanxa ngalibangela usizi ngencwadi yami, angizisoli ngayo. Lanxa ngazisola ngayo – ngiyabona ukuba incwadi yami yalikhuba, kodwa okwesikhatshana nje – <sup>9</sup> ikanti khathesi ngiyathokoza, hatshi ngokuba ladaniswa, kodwa ngoba usizi lwenu lwenza laphenduka. Ngoba laba lusizi njengokujonga kukaNkulunkulu ngalokho thina kasaze salilimaza langayiphi indlela. <sup>10</sup> Usizi lokwesaba uNkulunkulu luletha ukuphenduka okuholela ekusindisweni kungatshiyi nsolo, kodwa usizi lwesemhlabeni luletha ukufa. <sup>11</sup> Khangelani ukuba usizi lokwesaba uNkulunkulu lolu selufezeni kini: ukutshisekela okungaka, lokufisa okungaka ukuba lizigeze, lentukuthelo engaka, lokwethuka okungaka ekuboneni ukulunga kusenziwa. Kukho konke libonakalise ukuthi lina limsulwa kule indaba. <sup>12</sup> Ngakho lanxa ngalilobela, kwakungayisikho ngenxa yalowo owonayo loba lowo owonelwayo, kodwa ukuba phambi kukaNkulunkulu lizibonele ngokwenu ukuthi lithembeke kangakanani kithi. <sup>13</sup> Konke lokhu thina kuyasikhuthaza.

Phezu kokukhuthazwa kwethu, sijabuliswa ikakhulu yikubona uThithusi ethokoza, ngoba lonke lasiza ekwenzeni ingqondo yakhe ibe lokuthula.

<sup>14</sup> Ngangizincomile kuye ngani, njalo kalingiyangisanga. Kodwa njengoba konke esakutshoyo kini kwakuliqiniso, ngakho ukuzincoma kwethu kuThithusi ngani lakho kubonakale kuliqiniso.

<sup>15</sup> Njalo ukulithanda kwakhe kukhulu kakhulu lapho ekhumbula ukuthi lonke lalilalela, limamukela ngokwesaba langokuthuthumela. <sup>16</sup> Ngiyathokoza ngoba ngilethemba elipheleleyo kini.

*Ukuphana Kuyakhuthazwa*

**8** Bazalwane, sithanda ukuba lazi

ngomusa uNkulunkulu awunike amabandla aseMakhedoniya.

<sup>2</sup> Ekulingweni kwawo okunzima kakhulu, lokuthokoza kwawo okukhulu kanye lobuyanga bawo bokucina kugcwele ukuphana okumangalisayo.

<sup>3</sup> Ngoba ngiyafakaza ukuthi anikela okunengi njengayengakwanelisa, kanye lokudlula amandla awo. Bona ngokwabo, <sup>4</sup> basincenga ngokuphangisa ukuba babe lethuba lokuhlanganyela kulokhukusebenzela abangcwele.

<sup>5</sup> Kabenzanga njengesasikulindele, kodwa bazinikela eNkosini kuqala, muva bazinikela kithi kuvumelana lentando kaNkulunkulu. <sup>6</sup> Ngakho samncenga uThithusi, njengoba wayeseqalisile ngaphambili, ukuba lawo awuqede umsebenzi lo womusa kini.

<sup>7</sup> Kodwa njengoba lisenza kuhle ezintweni zonke – ekukholweni, lekukhulumeni, lekwazini, lekuzimiseleni okupheleleyo kanye lakukho ukusithanda kwenu – bonani ukuthi lenza kuhle futhi kulo umusa wokuphana.

<sup>8</sup> Angilibekeli mlayo, kodwa ngifuna ukuhlola ubuqotho bothando lwenu ngokuluqathanisa lokuzimisela kwabanye. <sup>9</sup> Ngoba liyawazi umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, ukuthi lanxa wayenothile, kodwa waba ngumyanga ngenxa yenu, ukuze kuthi ngobuyanga bakhe lina linothe.

<sup>10</sup> Njalo nansi iseluleko sami mayelana lalokho okuhle kakhulu kini kule indaba: Nyakenye laba ngabokuqala kungayisikho ekupheni nje kuphela kodwa lekubeni lesifiso sokwenza njalo.

<sup>11</sup> Khathesi-ke uqediseni umsebenzi, ukuze ukutshiseka kokufuna kwenu ukwenza kungalingana lokuwuqeda kwenu, mayelana lalokho elilakho.

<sup>12</sup> Ngoba uma isifiso sikhona, isipho siyamukeleka mayelana lalokho umuntu alakho, hatshi mayelana lalokho angelakho.

<sup>13</sup> Isifiso sethu akusikuthi abanye bakhululwe lina lilokhu licindezekile, kodwa ukuba kube lokulingana.

<sup>14</sup> Ngalesisikhathi ngenala yenu lizabanika abakuswelayo, ukuze kuthi labo ngenala yabo baliphe elikuswelayo. Lapho-ke kuzakuba lokulingana,

<sup>15</sup> njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi:

"Lowo owabutha okunengi kabanga lokunengi kakhulu, lalowo owabutha okulutshwana kabanga lokulutshwana kakhulu."

*UThithusi Uthunywa EKhorinte*

<sup>16</sup> Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu owabeka enhliziyweni kaThithusi ukukhathazeka kunye engilakho ngani. <sup>17</sup> Ngoba uThithusi kamukelanga isicelo sethu nje kuphela, kodwa uyeza kini ngokutshiseka okukhulu, njalo ngokuzithuma kwakhe. <sup>18</sup> Njalo kanye laye sithuma umzalwane obats hazwa ngamabandla wonke ngenxa yomsebenzi wakhe wokutshumayela ivangeli.

<sup>19</sup> Phezu kwalokho, wakhethwa ngamabandla ukuba asiphelekezele sithwele umnikelo esiwuphetheyo ukuze sidumise iNkosi uqobo lokuba sibonakalise ukutshisekela kwethu ukusiza. <sup>20</sup> Sifuna ukuxwaya insolo ngendlela esiphatha ngayo lesisipho sokuphana. <sup>21</sup> Ngoba siyalwisa kakhulu ukuba senze okulungileyo, kungasikho emehlweni eNkosi kuphela kodwa lasemehlweni abantu.

<sup>22</sup> Phezu kwalokho, sithuma kanye labo umzalwane wethu ohlezi ebonakalisa kithi ngezindlela ezinengi ukuthi ukhuthele, ikakhulu khathesi ngenxa yethemba lakhe elikhulu kini.

<sup>23</sup> UThithusi yena-ke ungothlanganyela lami loyisisebenzi kanye lami phakathi

kwenu; abazalwane bethu bona-ke bangabameli bamabandla lodumo kuKhristu. <sup>24</sup> Ngakho-ke, tshengisani abantu laba ubufakazi bothando lwenu kanye lesisusa sokuzigqaja kwethu ngani, ukuze amabandla wonke alubone.

**9** Akusweleki ukuba ngililobele mayelana lalokhukusebenzela abangcwele. <sup>2</sup> Ngoba ngiyakwazi ukutshisekela kwenu ukuba lisize, njalo kade ngizincoma ngakho kwabaseMakhedoniya, ngibatshela ukuthi kusukela nyakenye lina e-Akhayiya lalizimisele ukunikela; njalo ukutshiseka kwenu kukhuthaze inengi labo ukuba baphathise. <sup>3</sup> Kodwa ngithuma abazalwane ukuze ukuzincoma kwethu ngani ngale indoda kungabi yize, kodwa ukuba libe ngabalungiseleleyo, njengoba ngathi lizakuba linjalo. <sup>4</sup> Ngoba uma abanye baseMakhedoniya besiza lami bathole lingalungiselanga, thina – kungasatshiwo lutho ngami – singayangeka ngethemba ebesilalo. <sup>5</sup> Ngakho ngibone kufanele ukukhuthaza abazalwane ukuba balethekele mandulo baqedise amalungiselelo esipho esihle elasithembisa sona. Ngalesosikhathi sizakuba sesilungile njengesipho esihle, hatshi esinikelwe ngomona.

#### *Ukhlanyela Okunengi*

<sup>6</sup> Khumbulani lokhu: Lowo ohlanyela okunengi uvuna okunengi. <sup>7</sup> Umuntu ngamunye kanike lokho amise enhliziyweni yakhe ukunikela, kungabi luhonono loba ngakubanjwa ngamandla, ngoba uNkulunkulu uthanda onikela ngokuthokoza. <sup>8</sup> Njalo uNkulunkulu ulamandla okwenza umusa wande kini, ukuze kuthi ezintweni zonke ngezikhathi zonke, lilakho konke elikuswelayo, lizakuba lokunengi kuyo

yonke imisebenzi emihle. <sup>9</sup> Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi:

"Uhlakazele izipho zakhe kubayanga ezindaweni zonke; ukulunga kwakhe kumi kuze kube laphakade."

<sup>10</sup> Lowo onika umhlanyeli inhlanyelo lesinkwa sokudla uzanika njalo aqhelise isiphala senu senhlanyelo, andise lesivuno sokulunga kwenu.

<sup>11</sup> Lizanothiswa ngezindlela zonke ukuze liphane mathuba wonke, kuthi ngathi ukupha kwenu kulethe ukubongwa kukaNkulunkulu.

<sup>12</sup> Umsebenzi lo eliwenzayo kawuqedi ziswelo zabantu bakaNkulunkulu kuphela, kodwa ugcwele amazwi amanengi okubonga uNkulunkulu.

<sup>13</sup> Ngenxa yomsebenzi eselizibonakalise ngawo, abantu bazamdumisa uNkulunkulu ngenxa yokulalela okukanye lokuvuma kwenu ivangeli likaKhristu, kanye lomusa wenu ekwabelaneni labo kanye labanye futhi. <sup>14</sup> Ekulikhulekeleni kwabo, izinhliziyi zabo zizakuba kini, ngenxa yomusa ongelamkhawulo uNkulunkulu alinike wona. <sup>15</sup> Kabongwe uNkulunkulu ngenxa yesipho esingeke sichazwe.

#### *UPhawuli Uvikela Imfundiso Yakhe*

**10** Ngenxa yokuthobeka lokuthamba kukaKhristu ngiyalincenga – mina Phawuli “owethukayo” nxa ngilani ubuso ngobuso, kodwa ngilesibindi nxa ngikude! <sup>2</sup> Ngiyalicela ukuthi ekufikeni kwami kungaze kwadingeka ukuba ngize ngibe lesibindi njengalokhu engikhangele ukuba laso mayelana labanye abantu abacabanga ukuthi siphila ngokwezilinganiso zomhlaba lo. <sup>3</sup> Ngoba lanxa sihlala emhlabeni, kasilwi mpi njengokwenziwa ngumhlaba.



<sup>4</sup> Izikhali esilwa ngazo akusizo zikhali zasemhlabeni. Kodwa zilamandla kaNkulunkulu okudiliza izinqaba.

<sup>5</sup> Sichitha inkani lokuzazisa konke okuzibekayo kumelane lokwazi uNkulunkulu, njalo siyayithumba yonke imicabango ukuba siyenze ibe ngemlalelayo uKhristu.

<sup>6</sup> Njalo sizakuba silungele ukujezisa zonke izenzo zokungalaleli, ukulalela kwenu kungavela kuphele.

<sup>7</sup> Lina likhangele kuphela okubonakalayo kwezinto. Uma umuntu ekholwa ukuthi ungokaKhristu, kakhumbule njalo ukuthi lathi singabakaKhrisitu njengaye.

<sup>8</sup> Ngoba lanxa ngizincoma kancane ngamandla iNkosi eyasinika wona ukuba lakhiwe kulokuba lichithwe, angiyikuyangeka ngakho.

<sup>9</sup> Kangaifuni ukuba kube angathi ngiyalethusa ngezincwadi zami.

<sup>10</sup> Ngoba abanye bathi, "Izincwadi zakhe zilesisindo lomfutho, kodwa yena uqobo uyeyiseka lakukhulumayo kufana leze."

<sup>11</sup> Abantu abanjalo kumele bakwazi ukuthi lokho okukhanya siyikho ezincwadini zethu nxa singekho, sizakuba yikho kanye ngezenzo zethu nxa sesikhona.

<sup>12</sup> Kasanelisi ukuzilinganisa loba ukuziqathanisa labanye abazibabazayo. Nxa bezilinganisa ngabo bona ngokwabo babuye baziqathanise ngabo bona ngokwabo, kabahlakaniphanga.

<sup>13</sup> Kodwa thina kasizincomi kudlule imikhawulo efaneleyo. Kodwa ukuzincoma kwethu sikukhawulisa ebangeni uNkulunkulu asibekele lona, ibanga elifikayo lakini.

<sup>14</sup> Kasedlulisi malawulo ekuzincomeni kwethu, njengokuba kungenzakala lapho kungabe kasizanga kini, ngoba safinyelela ukuzafika kini levangeli likaKhristu.

<sup>15</sup> Njalo kasedluli mikhawulo yethu ngokuzincoma ngomsebenzi owenziwe ngabanye.

Ithemba lethu yikuthi, lapho ukukholwa kwenu kuqhubeka kukhula, indawo yethu yokusebenza phakathi kwenu izaqhela kakhulu, <sup>16</sup> sitshumayele ivangeli ezigabeni ezingale kwenu. Ngoba kasifuni ukuzincoma ngomsebenzi ovele usuwenziwe endaweni yomunye umuntu.

<sup>17</sup> Kodwa, "Lowo ozincomayo, kazincome eNkosini." <sup>18</sup> Ngoba akusumuntu ozibabazayo onguye ovunywayo, kodwa umuntu onconywa yiNkosi.

### *UPhawuli Labaphostoli Bamanga*

## **11** Ngithemba lizabekezelela

okuncane kobuthutha bami; kodwa livele selikwenza lokho.

<sup>2</sup> Mina ngilobukhwele ngani ngobukhwele bokukholwa. Ngathembisa ukulendisela endodeni eyodwa, uKhristu, ukuze ngilethule kuyo liyintombi epheleleyo.

<sup>3</sup> Kodwa ngiyesaba ukuthi njengo-Eva owakhohliswa yibuqili benyoka, izingqondo zenu zingaphanjulwa kancane ekuzinikeleni kwenu kuKhristu okuqotho lokungelasici.

<sup>4</sup> Ngoba uma umuntu angafika kini atshumayele uJesu ongasuye Jesu thina esamtshumayelayo, loba uma lisamukela umoya owahlukene lalowo elawamukelayo, loba ivangeli elehlukileyo kulelo elalivumayo, likubekezelele lula kakhulu.

<sup>5</sup> Kodwa kancicabangi ukuthi ngiyeyiseka okokucina kulabo "baphostoli abaphezulu."

<sup>6</sup> Ngingaba yisikhulumi esingafundiswanga, kodwa ulwazi ngilalo. Lokhu sesikwenze kwacaca ngokupheleleyo kini ngezindlela zonke.

<sup>7</sup> Kambe kwakuyisono yini ukuba ngizehlise ukuze ngiliphakamise ngokutshumayela ivangeli likaNkulunkulu kungekho mbadalo na?

<sup>8</sup> Ngaphanga amanye amabandla ngokwamukela usizo kuwo ukuze

ngilisebenzele. <sup>9</sup> Njalo lapho ngangikini nxa kwakulolutho engaluswelayo, kangibanga ngumthwalo lakubani, ngoba abazalwane abavela eMakhedoniya bangipha engangikuswela. Ngizithibile ekubeni ngumthwalo kini langayiphi indlela, njalo ngizaqhubeka ngisenza njalo. <sup>10</sup> Ngeqiniso elinjengoba iqiniso likaKhristu likhona kimi, akulamuntu ezigabeni zase-Akhayiya ozangalisa ukuzincoma kwami lokhu.

<sup>11</sup> Kungani na? Ngokuba angilithandi na? UNkulunkulu uyakwazi ukuthi ngiyalithanda! <sup>12</sup> Njalo ngizaqhubeka ngisenza lokhu engikwenzayo ukuze amacebo alabo abafuna ithuba lokuba bakhangelwe njengabalingana lathi ezintweni abazincoma ngazo abe liphutha.

<sup>13</sup> Ngoba abantu abanjalo bangabaphostoli bamanga, izisebenzi ezikhohlisayo, ezizenza abaphostoli bakaKhristu. <sup>14</sup> Akumangalisi ngoba loSathane uqobo uzenza ingilosi yokukhanya. <sup>15</sup> Ngakho akumangalisi uma izinceku zakhe zizenza izinceku zokulunga. Isiphetho sazo sizakuba ngokufanele izenzo zazo.

*UPhawuli Uyazincoma Ngokuhlupheka Kwakhe*

<sup>16</sup> Ngiyaphinda ngithi: Akungabi lamuntu ongithatha njengesithutha. Kodwa uma lisenza njalo, ngamukelani njengoba lingamukela isithutha, ukuze ngizincome kancane.

<sup>17</sup> Ngalokhukuzincoma kwami ngesibindi, angikhulumi njengeNkosi, kodwa njengesithutha. <sup>18</sup> Njengoba abanengi bezincoma ngendlela eyenziwa ngumhlaba, lami-ke ngizazincoma.

<sup>19</sup> Labekezelela izithutha ngentokozo ngoba lihlakaniphe kangaka!

<sup>20</sup> Ngeqiniso, lina libekezelela loba ngubani oligqilazayo loba ethola inzuzo ngani loba ezisiza ngani loba

ezikhukhumeza loba elimakala ngempama ebusweni. <sup>21</sup> Ngiyavuma ngilenhloni ukuthi thina sasibuthakathaka kakhulu kulokho! Lokho omunye umuntu angaba lesibindi sokuzincoma ngakho – ngikhuluma njengesithutha – lami ngilesibindi sokuzincoma ngakho.

<sup>22</sup> BangamaHebheru na? Lami nginguye. Bangama-Israyeli na? Lami nginguye.

Bayinzalo ka-Abhrahama na? Lami ngiyiyo. <sup>23</sup> Bayizinceku zikaKhristu na?

(Sengiphambene ingqondo ukuba ngikhulume kanje.) Mina ngedlula lokho.

Sengisebenze nzima, ngibe sentolongweni kanengi, ngatshaywa kakhulukazi, ngabekwa engozini yokufa futhi futhi. <sup>24</sup> Kahlanu ngatshaywa

ngamaJuda izinswazi ezingamatshumi amathathu lesificamunye. <sup>25</sup> Kathathu ngatshaywa ngemiqwayi, kanye

ngatshaywa ngamatshe, ngafelwa ngumkhumbi kathathu, ngachitha ubusuku losuku ngindenda elwandle,

<sup>26</sup> kade ngihlezi ngingohambayo njalo nje. Ngibesezingozini zemifula,

ezingozini zezigebenga, ezingozini zabantu bakithi, ezingozini zabezizweni,

ezingozini edolobheni, ezingozini emaphandleni, ezingozini elwandle;

lasezingozini zabazalwane bamanga. <sup>27</sup> Ngasebenza nzima ngatshikathika

njalo kanengi ngingalali; ngezwa indlala lokoma, ngaswela lokudla kanengi;

ngagodola ngahamba nqunu. <sup>28</sup> Langaphandle kwezinye zonke izinto;

ngibhekane lokucindezelwa yikukhathazeka kwami ngamabandla wonke. <sup>29</sup> Ngubani obuthakathaka, mina ngingabuzwa loba buthakathaka na?

Ngubani oholelwa esonweni, ngingatshi ngaphakathi kwami na?

<sup>30</sup> Uma kumele ngizincome, ngizazincoma ngezinto ezibonakalisa ubuthakathaka bami. <sup>31</sup> UNkulunkulu

uYise weNkosi uJesu, ozadunyiswa nini

lanini, uyakwazi ukuthi kangiqambi manga. <sup>32</sup> EDamaseko umbusi ongaphansi kweNkosi u-Arethasi walaya ukuba idolobho laseDamaseko lilindwe ukuze ngibotshwe. <sup>33</sup> Kodwa ngehliswa ewindini elisemdulini ngesilulu ngaphunyuka ezandleni zakhe.

*Umbono KaPhawuli Lameva Akhe*

## 12 Kumele ngiqhubeke ngizincoma.

Lanxa kungelalutho oluzuzwayo, mina ngizaqhubeka ngemibono langezambulo ezivela eNkosini. <sup>2</sup> Mina ngazi umuntu okuKhristu okwathi ngeminyaka elitshumi lane eyedlulayo wathathwa wasiwa ezulwini lesithathu. Langabe kwakuphakathi komzimba loba ngaphandle komzimba kangikwazi – kwazi uNkulunkulu. <sup>3</sup> Mina ngazi ukuthi umuntu lo – loba phakathi komzimba kumbe ngaphandle komzimba, kangikwazi, kodwa uNkulunkulu uyazi – <sup>4</sup> wahlwithwa wasiwa ePharadise. Wezwa izinto ezingakhulumekiyo, izinto umuntu angavunyelwa ukuzitsho. <sup>5</sup> Ngazincoma ngomuntu onjalo, kodwa mina angiyikuzincoma, ngaphandle kwangobuthakathaka bami. <sup>6</sup> Lanxa ngingakhetha ukuzincoma, ngiyabe ngingayisiso sithutha, ngoba ngiyabe ngikhuluma iqiniso. Kodwa ngiyazibamba ukuze kungabi khona ozacabanga okunengi ngami kulalokho okufanele engikwenzayo loba engikutshoyo.

<sup>7</sup> Ukuze ngenqabele ukuzikhukhumeza ngenxa yalezizambulo ezinkulu kakhulukazi, ngahlatsywa ngameva emzimbeni wami, ayisithunywa sikaSathane, ukuba angihluphe.

<sup>8</sup> Ngancenga iNkosi kathathu ukuba iwasuse kimi. <sup>9</sup> Kodwa yathi kimi, "Umusa wami ukwanele, ngoba amandla ami apheleliswa ebuthakathakeni." Ngakho ngizazincoma kakhulu-ke

ngokuthokoza ngobuthakathaka bami, ukuze amandla kaKhristu ahlale phezu kwami. <sup>10</sup> Yikho nje, ngenxa kaKhristu, ngithokozela ubuthakathaka, lezithuko, lezinhlupho, lokuhlukuluzwa, lokukhathazeka. Ngoba nxa ngibuthakathaka, kulapho-ke ngilamandla.

*Ukunqineka KukaPhawuli*

*NgabaseKhorinte*

<sup>11</sup> Sengenze ubuthutha, kodwa yini elingingenise kubo. Kade kufanele nginconywe yini, ngoba kangiphansi okokucina "kubaphostoli abaphezulu," lanxa nje ngingasilutho. <sup>12</sup> Izinto eziphawula umphostoli – izibonakaliso, lezimanga kanye lezimangaliso – zenziwa phakathi kwenu ngokubekezela okukhulu. <sup>13</sup> Laliphansi okunjani kulamanye amabandla, ngaphandle kokuthi angizange ngibe ngumthwalo kini. Ngithethelelani kulokhukuphambanisa!

<sup>14</sup> Khatesi sengilungele ukuba ngilethekelele okwesithathu, njalo angiyikuba ngumthwalo kini, ngoba engikufunayo akusimpahla yenu kodwa lina. Ikanti belo abantwana akumelanga badlinzekele abazali babo, kodwa abazali badlinzekele abantwana babo.

<sup>15</sup> Ngakho ngizathokozela kakhulu ukuchitha konke engilakho ngenxa yenu lami futhi ngizinikele. Ngingalithanda kakhulu, lina lizangithanda kancane na?

<sup>16</sup> Loba kunjalo, mina angibanga ngumthwalo kini. Kodwa, mina njengomuntu ohlakaniphileyo, ngalibamba ngobuqili! <sup>17</sup> Ngaliqilibezela yini ngomunye wabantu engabathuma kini na? <sup>18</sup> Ngacela uThithusi ukuba eze kini njalo ngathuma lomzalwane wethu laye. UThithusi kazange aliqilibezele, waliqilibezela na? Kasisebenzanga ngamoya munye salandela indlela yinye na?

<sup>19</sup> Isikhathi sonke lesi kade licabanga ukuthi sibe sizivikela kini na? Kade sikhuluma phambi kukaNkulunkulu njengabakuKhristu; njalo konke esikwenzayo, bazalwane abathandekayo, ngokokuliqinisa. <sup>20</sup> Ngoba ngiyesaba ukuthi ekufikeni kwami angiyikulifica liyilokho engifuna libe yikho, mhlawumbe lani lingangifumani ngiyilokho elifuna ngibe yikho. Ngiyesaba ukuthi kungaba khona ukuxabana, lomona, lokuthukuthela, lemibango, lesinyeyo, lokuhleba, lokuzikhukhumeza, kanye lokuphithizela. <sup>21</sup> Ngiyesaba ukuthi ekufikeni kwami futhi uNkulunkulu wami uzangidumaza phambi kwenu, njalo ngizakuba lusizi ngabanengi abenze izono ngaphambili njalo bengaphendukanga kulokhokungcola, isono sokufeba kanye lamanyala abangena kuwo.

### *Izixwayiso Zokucina*

## 13 Ukuza kwami kini lokhu

kuzakuba ngokwesithathu. "Izindaba zonke kumele ziqiniswe yibufakazi babantu ababili loba abathathu."

<sup>2</sup> Ngavela ngalixwayisa lapho ngangilani okwesibili. Ngiyakuphinda njalo ngingekho: Ekubuyeni kwami futhi angiyikubayekela labo abenza izono ngaphambili loba nguwuphi wabanye, <sup>3</sup> njengoba lifuna ubufakazi bokuthi uKhristu ukhuluma ngami. Yena kabuthakathaka ekuliphatheni kwakhe, kodwa ulamandla phakathi kwenu.

<sup>4</sup> Ngoba ngeqiniso, wabethelwa ebuthakathakeni, ikanti uyaphila ngamandla kaNkulunkulu. Ngokufanayo, sibuthakathaka kuye, ikanti ngamandla kaNkulunkulu sizaphila laye ukuba silisebenzele.

<sup>5</sup> Zihloleni ukuba libone langabe lisekukholweni; zihloleni. Kaliboni yini

ukuthi uKhristu uJesu uphakathi kwenu – ngaphandle nje kokuba lehluleke ekuhlolweni? <sup>6</sup> Ngithemba ukuba lizafumana ukuthi thina kasisibo abehlulekileyo ekuhlolweni.

<sup>7</sup> Siyakhuleka kuNkulunkulu ukuba lingenzi lutho olubi. Kungayisikho ukuba abantu babone ukuthi sifanele kodwa ukuba lina lenze okulungileyo lanxa singakhanya singabehlulekileyo.

<sup>8</sup> Ngoba asingeke senze lutho oluphambene leqiniso, kodwa olweqiniso kuphela. <sup>9</sup> Siyathokoza lapho singabe sibuthakathaka kodwa lina liqinile; njalo umkhuleko wethu ngowokuba lipheleliswe. <sup>10</sup> Yikho nje ngiloba izinto lezi nxa ngingekho, ukuze kuthi ekufikeni kwami ngingabi lukhuni ekusebenziseni kwami amandla – amandla engiwaphiwe yiNkosi okulakha, hatshi ukulidiliza.

### *Ukuvalelisa*

<sup>11</sup> Okokucina, bazalwane, salani kuhle. Funani ukuphelela, lilalele isicelo sami, libe ngqondo yinye, lihlale ngokuthula. UNkulunkulu wothando lokuthula uzakuba lani.

<sup>12</sup> Bingelelanani ngokwanga okungcwele. <sup>13</sup> Bonke abangcwele bayalibingelela.

<sup>14</sup> Sengathi umusa weNkosi uJesu Khristu, lothando lukaNkulunkulu, lokuhlanganyela kukaMoya oNgcwele kungaba lani lonke.