

A Izizathu zokubonga lokukhuleka encwadini yamaFilippi:

❖ Izizathu zokubonga (KwabaseFilipi 1:3-8)

- UPawulu uqala incwadi yakhe ngokubonga uNkulunkulu ngabakholwayo baseFilipi (Fil. 1:3), ababemthanda kakhulu (Fil. 1:8).
- Njengoba umpristi omkhulu egqoke esifubeni sakhe, eduze lenhliziyo yakhe, amagama ezizwana zase-Israyeli abhalwe ngamatilomu lapho emi phambi kukaNkulunkulu, uPawulu wagcina “enhliziyweni yakhe” ilungu ngalinye lalesi simo senkolo lapho emi phambi kukaNkulunkulu emthandazela (Fil. 1:7).
- Ukubonga kwakhe kwakuhlanganisa leqiniso lokuthi amaFilipi ayehlala ethembekile evangelini, lokuthi uNkulunkulu wayehlala ewafaka esimisweni nsuku zonke (Fil. 1:5-6).
- Isizathu sesithathu sokubonga kwakuyikuthi amaFilipi ayehamba laye “ezibopheni zami, lasekuzivikeleni lokuqinisa iVangeli” (Fil. 1:7).

❖ Izicelo zomthandazo (KwabaseFilipi 1:9-11)

— Singacabanga ngokufuqwa kukaPaul ekuthandazeni njenge “sizathu esihlotshanisiwe” (Filipi 1:9-11 NIV):

- (1) Sengathi uthando lungakhula kuwe
- (2) Lokhu kuyokwenza ube lolwazi olukhulu
- (3) Uzokwazi ukuhlukanisa okuhle kakhulu
- (4) Uzoba ngcwele futhi ube ngowesimilo esihle
- (5) Uzoveza izithelo ngoJesu Kristu
- (6) Lokhu kuzoletha udumo lokudumisa kuNkulunkulu

Senzeni ukuthi uthando lwethu “lukhule kakhulu langaphezulu”? Kungani kubalulekile kangaka empilweni yobuKristu?

B Ukubonga lokukhuleka ezikhathini ezinzima(Filipi 1:12-18)

- ❖ Lapho amaFiliphiyani esizwa ukuthi uPhawuli ubotshiwe eRoma, badabuka kakhulu, futhi bathumela u-Epafrodithusi ngenhloso yokumsiza i-apostoli (Flp. 4:18).
- ❖ Kude lokudabuka, uPhawuli wabonga uNkulunkulu ngokubotshwa kwakhe. Kungani wabonga? Ngoba ngalendlela wayekhona ukufundisa labo, ngaphandle kwalokho wayengeke akwazi ukufinyelela kubo (Flp. 1:13).
- ❖ Ngaphezu kwalokho, ukubona isimo senhliziyo se-mpostoli, abanye abafowabo abathembekileyo bagqugquzelwa, futhi baqala ukufundisa izindaba ezinhle ngaphandle kokubheka ubunzima obuhambisana nakho (Flp. 1:14).
- ❖ Abanye, becabanga ukuthi ukukhuluma ngokusobala ngezindaba ezinhle kuzoletha ubunzima kuPhawuli, labo basize –ngokungafuni– ekusabalaliseni kwazo (Flp. 1:15-18).

C Izizathu zokubonga lokukhuleka encwadini yabakwaKolose:

❖ Izizathu zokubonga (KwabaseKholose 1:3-8)

- Ephinda amazwi ka-1 Korinte 13:13, uPhawuli ubonga uNkulunkulu ngoba amaKolose alalezi zimfanelo ezintathu zobuKristu: ukholo, ithemba, lothando (Kol. 1:4-5).
- Lezi zimfanelo zivele “kuKristu uJesu”, zithinta ubudlelwano bethu “nabo bonke abangcwele”, futhi zidluliselwe kithi nge “lizwe langempela lezwi levangeli”.
- UPhawuli ugcizelela ukuthi le livangeli alifikanga nje kuphela emKolose, kodwa “Emhlabeni wonke” (Kol. 1:6)... futhi eminyakeni engamatshumi amathathu nje!
- Amandla kaNkulunkulu, adluliselwa ngevangeli ngomsebenzi kaMoya oNgcwele, enza iBhayibheli libe “yilizwi lempilo” (Fil. 2:16). Lokhu kutsho ukuthi, ngokwamukela ivangeli, sithola impilo yaphakade lesizukulwane “esigcinwe kini ezulwini” (Kol. 1:5)

❖ Izicelo zomthandazo (KwabaseKolose 1:9-12)

— Isicelo somthandazo sikaPaul siqukethe izinto ezinengi ezinhle zamaKolose (Kol. 1:9-11):

- (1) Mabamukele ulwazi lukaNkulunkulu, oluzabanika ukuhlakanipha lokuqonda ngokomoya
 - (2) Philani njengabantwana bakaNkulunkulu, limjabulise ngazo zonke izindlela
 - (3) Mabathele izithelo futhi bakhule olwazini
 - (4) Makaniqinise ngenkosi nguNkulunkulu ukuze bakwazi ukubekezela
- Lomthandazo wenziwa “ukubonga ngenjabulo kuBaba” (Kol. 1:12).
 - Kulendlela ezine lapho uNkulunkulu asebenza khona ukwenza umthandazo kaPawulu ube ngokoqobo kithi:
 - (1) IBhayibheli (AmaHubo 119:105)
 - (2) Umoya wobufakazi 19:10), uboniswe ngo-Ellen G. White
 - (3) Ukuholwa nguNkulunkulu okuhlelekileyo (Kolose 4:3)
 - (4) UMoya oNgcwele (Isaya 30:21)