

Chapter 1

God Loves You

God loves you. This is the most important truth in all the Bible. He loves all mankind. The Bible says: "You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (Galatians 3:26-29).

But how can we know that God loves us? "The fact that 'God is love' is shown by every opening flower and blade of grass. Lovely birds singing their happy songs tell us of God's tender care. The bright flowers that sweeten the air

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Diyin Ayóó'ánó'ní

Diyin t'áá íiyisí ayóó'ánó'ní lá. Diyin Bizaad yaa halne'ígíí bitahdóó díí aláahdi át'é. Diyin éí bíla'ashdla'ii t'áá ałtso ayóó'ádayó'ní. Bizaad yee ání: "Háálá Christ Jesus deinohdlánígíí bee t'áá ánółtso Diyin God ba'áłchíní danohłí. Háálá nohłá'í Christ bił lá'í soolíj'go tó bee danihi'doolzí'ígíí Christ bee hadadoohdzaago t'áá binoołté dasoolíj'. Éí bąą Jew dine'é índa Gríik dine'é nohłínii doo ał'ąą ádanoht'ée da; naalte' índa doo naalte' nohłínii doo ał'ąą ádanoht'ée da; biką'ii índa bi'áadii nohłínii doo ał'ąą ádanoht'ée da, háálá t'áá ánółtso Christ Jesus bee lá'í nohłí. Áko Christ bí' danohłíjigo Éíbraham ba'áłchíní danohłí, áko Éíbraham baa deet'áanii danihí" (Galatians 3:26-29).

Haléit'éego Diyin ayóó'ánihó'níigo nihíł bééhózin doo? "Diyin ayóó'ó'ó'ní át'é. Ch'il bílátah hózhóón ąą ádaanéehgo dóó tł'oh nidanise'go t'áá ałtso bikáa'gi bibee áyóó'ó'ó'ni' bee bik'e'ashchí nahalin. Tsídi danizhóníígíí bił dahózhóqgo ádaaníigo, ch'il bílátah dahózhóón níłch'i nizhónígo halchin áyósingo, nídíshchí' danineezígíí yílk'id bee dootł'izhgo – díí t'áá ałtso Diyin hazhó'ó nihaa

and the tall green trees of the forest remind us that He wants to make His children happy" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 4).

"Disobedience brought sadness and death. Yet God showed His love even when sin was causing suffering. The Bible says that God cursed the ground for the good of human beings (Genesis 3:17). He permitted thorns and weeds to grow. He allowed trials and troubles to fill people's lives with work and care. These troubles were to help lift men and women out of the ruin and shame caused by sin. But this sinful world is not all sorrow and pain. Nature itself gives us messages of hope and comfort. Flowers grow on the weeds, and roses cover the thorns" (*Steps to Jesus*, pp. 3-4). So God shows that He loves us by the things He has made.

We can also see this love in the Bible. There we are told that God is "compassionate and kind, slow to anger and

áhályánígíí, dóó bíla'ashdla'ii niidlíinii níhił dahózhqó dooleeł laanaa nízinígíí, bee bééhózin lá" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 4).

"Diyin bibee haz'áanii – ayóó'ó'óní yee has'áanii – doo bik'eh hól'ínígíí biniinaa yíníł dóó anoonéél hazlíí'. Áko nidi, azhá bąąhági ájiidzaa dóó ti'hojooznii' nidi, Diyin éí bibee ayóó'ó'óní' ííshjání ííł'í. Niniinaa ni' hóyée'go bá ha'oodzíí', ní Diyin God (Genesis 3:17). Hosh danilínígíí, ch'il deeníinii ał'ąą ádaat'éii, t'áá ałtsogóó nidanise'. Díí ch'il ha'nínéę yíníł nijigháago yił aheełt'é nahalin. Azhá ti'hoo'nííh bee jíiyáa nidi Diyin ba'jólíigo, doo yá'ádaat'éehii éí doodago adáhonomooníł ni'iłchxqóhii bits'ázhdoogáałgo át'é. Díí nahasdzáán, bąąhági át'éii bii' hólqó nidi, doo t'áá ałtsojí' yíníł dóó ti'hoo'nííh át'ée da. Nahasdzáán yee hadít'éii nijiłkaahgo bee hasihgo nitsínáádzíkees dóó chánah náájídlíí ɬeh. Hosh bílatah hózhóón dahólqó, dóó chqoh wolyéii éí biwosh hólqó nidi bílatahí nizhónígo yee hadít'é" (*Steps to Jesus*, pp. 3-4). Áko Diyin nihá íiyiilaagíí bibee ayóó'ó'óní' bee bééhózin ɬeh.

Diyin Bizaad t'áá át'é bii' ak'e'ashchínígíí Diyin bibee ayóó'ó'óní' nihich'i' ííshjání ííł'í. Kóníigo ání: "Bóhólníihii, Bóhólníihii, éí Diyin God nilíigo aa a'áah nízinii áádóó

abounding in mercy and faithfulness" (Exodus 34:6, MLB). To help us understand better, God uses the illustration of a mother's love: "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you" (Isaiah 49:15)!

In the New Testament Paul says: "And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3:17-19). And so the Bible tells about God's love.

God shows that He loves us by the things He has made. (Read Rom 1:20.) The Bible also tells about God's love. These things should be clear enough, but God did one more thing to make absolutely sure we would understand. He sent

jooba'ii áadóó nízaadgóó ha'ólníinii áadóó ts'ídá Ɂáago bibee ajooba' índa bit'áá aaníinii hólóonii" (Exodus 34:6). Diyin ákót'éego ájít'éé lá, nihilní. T'áá náás nizhónigo bik'inááda'diitííl biniyé amá be'awéé' ayóó'áyó'nínígíí yaa halne': "Da' asdzáníísh be'awéé' biłt'o'ii t'áá yeidiyoonah, áko biyáázh yishchíiniísh doo yaa a'áah nízin da? Aoo', éí shíí yaa deidiyoonah, nidi shí éí ts'ídá doo neidiyeeshnah da" (Isaiah 49:15).

Bee'aha'deet'á Ániidíii yiyi'dóó Paul ání: "Atł'ááh nástł'in nahalingo danołdzil doogo nihá sodiszin, áko Christ bibee ayóó'ó'ó'ni' áníltéelgi, ánílnéezgi, dego áníltsgogi índa íidéetqá'gi Diyin God bidiyíí' t'áá ałtso bił baa ákodanohsin doo. Áadóó Christ bibee ayóó'ó'ó'ni' ił éehósin yilááh neel'áanii nihil béédahodoozííłgo Diyin God t'áá ałtsoní yee át'éii nihii' hadidoobíílgíí bíká sodiszin" (Ephesians 3:17-19). T'áá ákót'éego Diyin Bizaad yee nihil halne'go Diyin ayóó'ánihó'ní.

Diyin God éí nahasdzáán nihá áyiilaaígíí bibee ayóó'ó'ó'ni' bee béhózin lá, ha'ní. (Rom 1:20 yíníłta'.) Áadóó Bizaad bee ak'e'ashchínígíí ayóó'ánihó'nínígíí yaa halne'. Díidí nihil úisháá shíí nidi, Diyin God bee éehózinii náánáł'a' nihá ánéiidlaa. T'áá bí biYe' díí nahasdzáanji' niheiníł'a'go,

His Son, Jesus, to become one of us. Only through Him can we know the full extent of God's love.

"Only He who knew how high and how deep God's love was could show it. Nothing but Christ's great sacrifice for us could make known how much the Father loves sinners" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 9).

"It was the weight of sin, its terrible power to separate a sinner from God, that broke His heart. But the Son of God did not give His life to make His Father love us. He did not die to make God willing to save. No, no! 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son' (John 3:16). The Father loves us not because Christ died for us; He gave His Son to die because He loved us" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 8).

The Bible says: "Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might

biYe' jílínii éí diné dzizlígí'. Áko Jesus Christ beego Diyin God ayóó'ánihó'nínii ts'ídá t'áá ałtsojí' nizhónígo bik'ida'-diitígíl lá.

"Diyin bibee ayóó'ó'ó'ni' éí dego dóó yaago ts'ídá t'áadoo bee nízádí da. Jesus t'éiyá díí t'áá át'é bił bééhózingo, áko bí t'éiyá nihił ííshjání íidoolílgó yíneel'á" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 9).

"Bąąhági ádaat'éii hak'iildohgo índa yéego yíní biih jitłish ɬeh – bąąhági ádaaníłii aTaa' yił ałts'ádeidoonił baa ákoznízingo biniinaa. T'áá íídáq' aTaa' ayóó'ánihó'níí lá. T'áá íídáq' bíla'ashdla'ii yisdáhidoołtéełgo nihá yinízin. Áko aTaa' doo ɬahgo át'éego nihaa tsínáádookos át'ée da. Jesus doo éí yiniyé daaztsáq da láq. Ts'ídá dooda! 'Háálá Diyin God éí nihokáá' dine'é t'áá íiyisí ayóó'ájó'níigo bąą haYe' t'ááłá'í há yizhchínígíí baazhníltí' (John 3:16). ATaa' éí doo Jesus nihá daaztsánígíí t'éí biniinaago ayóó'ánihó'níí da; t'áá íiyisí ayóó'ánihó'níigo biniinaa, biYe' Jesus niheiníł'a' – nihá dazdootsaał biniyé" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 8).

Diyin Bizaad ání: "Jó, diné ts'ídá t'áá ákogi át'éii doo ɬa'da t'áá k'ad bá daaztsáq da, ákondi ɬa'da daats'í diné yá'át'ééh ááníłii bá dazdootsaałjí' nidi, t'áadoosti'ee

possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:7-8).

"Satan tries to make people think of God as a severe judge without pity. He says that the Creator is always watching for people to make mistakes so He can punish them. To show them that this is not true, Jesus came to live in this world. He wanted people to see God's infinite love" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 5).

The most important thing we can learn about God is that He loves us. We see God's love in nature, but sin has distorted our view. We hear about His love in the Bible, but words give a limited idea of what it is really like. God could only make His love perfectly clear by giving us His Son, Jesus.

niná'ádizhdoot'ááł. Nidi t'ahdii bąąhági ááníiñii daniidlíí nít'ée' yéędáqá' Christ nihá daaztsá, éí bee Diyin God yee ayóó'ánihó'níinii nihíł béédahózingo áyiilaa" (Romans 5:7-8).

"Séítan éí, Diyin God bijéí nitł'iz níí lá. Aa hwiinít'í t'éí bii' hóló, dóó díí shí dooleeł t'éí nízin yiłní. Díí nihíni' danilíigo nihá yinízin. Nidi nihíDiyin God doo ákót'ée da lá! Séítan áníigo, Ánihiilaii éí nida'iilzíhígíí t'éí yee nihaa nitsékeesgo nihijéí neiłkaah, t'óó atínihidoolílgíí yiniyé, ní. Séítan éí ákót'ëego Diyin yaa nitsékees. Díí hoł t'l'ée' nahalinígíí nihá nahjí' kwíidoolííł biniyé, Jesus díí nahasdzáán bikáa'ji' nihaa níyá. Áko biTaa' ayóó'ánihó'níigo baa ákoda-niidzin doo. ATaa' át'éhígi át'ëego nihíł úíshjání úidoolííł yiniyé Jesus éí yá'ąąshdéké' nihaa níyá" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 5).

Diyin God éí bíla'ashdla'ii niidlínii ayóó'ánihó'níí lá. Baa hwiilne'ígíí bitsáádóó lá díidí ts'ídá aláahdi át'ë ni. Kóó nihitahgóó bąąhági át'ëii biniinaa t'óó bahoo'ih nidi, nahasdzáán dóó yee hadadít'ëii Diyin bibee ayóó'ó'ó'ní' yit'íní ádeile'. Bíla'ashdla'ii dabizaad ał'ąą ádaat'éhígíí díí doo t'áá ałtsojí' bee ak'izh'diitjíh da. Áko Diyin bibee ayóó'ó'ó'ní' ts'ídá t'áá ałtsojí' nihíł úíshjání úidoolííł yiniyé biYe' Jesus niheiníł'a'.

God loved you so much that He gave Jesus for you. He is your Friend if you will accept Him. Right now say: Father, I accept your Son Jesus as my Friend and Savior. My life is not what I want it to be. I believe you can help me. Thank you, in Jesus name.

God will give you whatever help you need most, because He loves you.

Diyin t'áá íiyisí ayóó'ánó'níigo biniinaa Jesus t'áá ni neiníł'a' lá. Áko íinínízingo Jesus éí ni dooleeł. T'áá k'ad Diyin God ákóbidiníigo bich'í' sodílzin: ShiTaa' nílíinii, yá'qashdi honílóonii, Jesus éí shí dooleeł nisin. T'áá éí t'éiyá yisdáshidoołtéełgo yíneel'á baa ákonisin. Íídáá' baa niséyáhígíí ła' doo ákóne' ádaat'ée da. Áko nidi shił bééhózingo shíká adíílwolgo bíninil'á. Shá íinidzaaígíí baa ahééh nisin. Jesus Christ bízhi' bee t'áá ákót'ée doo.

Áko bíníkeedgo Diyin God éí níká adoolwoł, ts'ídá ayóó'ánó'nínígíí biniinaa.