

## **Chapter 2**

### **You Need God**

In our last chapter we said that God loves you. This is the one most important thing you can learn from reading the Bible. The second is that you need God.

When God made the first man and first woman, they were perfect. They enjoyed talking to God. Earth was in harmony with heaven. "But after they sinned, they did not find happiness in being holy, and they tried to hide from God. Sinners today do the same. Because they do not love the things God loves, they do not enjoy being with Him or talking to Him in prayer. If God let them enter heaven, they would not be happy there. They would not enjoy being with God or spending time with the holy angels" (*Steps to Jesus*, pp. 11-12).

Paul says: "The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Corinthians 2:14).

## Wólta'ii 2

### Diyin Bídin Níl̄i

Áłtsé wólta'ii dayínílta'äq biyi'dóó, Diyin ayóó-'ánó'ní, nihi'doo'niid. Díí éí Diyin God Bizaad biyi'dóó baa dahane'ígíí ts'ídá aláahdi át'é. Naaki góne'ígíí éí, Diyin God bídin níl̄i.

Diyin God éí Áłtsé Hastiin dóó Áłtsé Asdzáá ájiilaago bijéí ba'át'e' ádingo naa'aash nít'ée', dóó Diyin yił ahił nahalne'go yíneedlígí nít'ée'. Yidísingo Diyin God yinááł naa'aash dóó yił aheełt'éego nitsékees nít'ée'. "Áko nidi bąąhági ádzaadóó bik'iji' ts'ídá t'áá ákogi át'éii doo bił yá'át'eeh da silíí', áadóó Diyin God bits'äq nídínéest'íí'. Díísh jíigóó t'ah nidi éigi ákódaniit'é. Diyin doo bił aheełt'éego baa nitsídeiikesgo dasiidlígí', áko bí éí nihił naakaiígíí doo nihił danizhóní da ɨ�eh" (*Steps to Jesus*, pp. 11-12).

Paul ání: "Nidi Níłch'i Diyinii doo hwii' hólóonii éí Diyin God biNíłch'i Diyinii yee ak'ijidlíii doo hwee haleeh da. Éí t'áá ádzaaí át'é jinízin, áko doo hoł bééhoozíí' át'ee da, háálá éí Níłch'i Diyinii k'ehgo ak'izhdiitäq'go t'éiyá t'áá yíní át'éii hoł bééhodoozííł" (1 Corinthians 2:14). "Háálá ts'ísee

"The sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so" (Romans 8:7).

Without Christ, trying to be a better person won't work. It can't work. "Education, good manners, and willpower all have their place in helping us to do right things. But they cannot change our hearts and make our lives pure. Only a new life from above, a power working inside us, can change us from being sinful to being holy. That power is Christ. His grace alone can give life to our dead souls and draw us to God and holiness" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 13).

God does these things for us. We are completely helpless without Him. Instead of us searching for Him, He searches for us. This shows us two things – God's great love for us, and our great need for Him. It's not just difficult to be saved on our own, it's impossible.

k'ehgo nidzinii éí Diyin God ye'ana'í nilí; éí Diyin God yee has'áanii doo yíhólníih da, t'áá aaníí doo óone' át'ée da" (Romans 8:7).

Christ éí t'áá géedgo, t'áá ákogi ánísht'ée dooleeł jinízingo nidi, doo bízhnéel'áą da. "Íhoo'aah, k'é hwiindzin, ts'ídá nizhónigo naasháa dooleeł jinínígíí, índa bíká ájít'íní, díí t'áá ałtso yá'ádaat'éeh, nidi t'áá hó hwe'adziil éí doo bíighah da lá. Kót'éego baa nijigháago nidi, doo ɬahgo át'éego baa nitsídzíkees da. Diyin éí diné bijéítł'áahdi hanitsékeesígíí bidziilgo yinaalnishgo t'éí bíighah, áko yá'qashdéké' ániid iinánígíí hwee hólóq doo. T'áá ákót'éego t'éiyá diné ɬa' bąąhágí ájít'éhéę ts'ídá yá'ájít'éeh jidooleeł. Hajéí bidziilgo yinaalishii éí Jesus át'í. Áko Diyin bibee ajooba' beego, hajéí bąąhágí át'éii bił daaztsá nahalinígíí hiná ánéidoodlíiłgo át'é. Áko Diyin God dóó ts'ídá t'áá ákogi ádaat'éhígíí hoł nizhóní jileeh" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 13).

Diyin God díí t'áá ałtsoní nihá áyiila. Áko ts'ídá t'áá ałtsoní binahjí' bídin daniidlí. Nihí doo Diyin hádadínít'íí' da; Diyin éí nihá hánihidéez'íí'. Díí kóó baa hane'ígíí naaki t'áá haz'ąągo ááhyiñí: Diyin ayóó'ánihó'ní, dóó ayóó bídin daniidlí – díí t'áá álah. Bee yisdáhidiikahii ádin, Jesus t'éiyá. Jesus t'áá géedgo doo ɬa' yisdázhdoogáłí da.

Without Christ we wouldn't want salvation. And if we did want it we wouldn't have any way to get it. The trouble is not that we try too little. Being saved by wanting or by trying is simply impossible. There's no way to do it.

Then how can anyone ever be saved? Through Jesus. By accepting Jesus as your Savior from sin you can have salvation as a free gift. God will simply give it to you, because of Jesus. "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

If we look for help anywhere else we won't find it. God has only given us one way to be saved. But then how many ways do we need? "God has a deep interest in His earthly children. His love for us is stronger than any other power. In giving up His Son, God has poured out to us all heaven in one gift" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 16).

Jesus t'áá géedgo, yisdánízhdooodálígíí nidi doo jinízin da ɬeh. Áadóó t'áá shí yisdá'ádideeshlééł jinízingo shíí, doo bízhneel'áą da. Yisdá'iildééh bíká dzooldziłgi bi'oshneel'-ánígíí doo biihgah da. Diné ɬa' t'áá hó binijilnishígíí bee yisdázhdoogálígíí éí doo éí át'ée da. Ts'ídá doo bohóneedzáą da.

Ákohgoósh haléit'éego bee yisdázhdoogááł lá? Jesus beego t'éiyá. Jesus Yisdá'iinlígíí bídin daniidlí. Diné ɬa' Jesus wooshdlá dóó k'ad kodóó ba'íínishłii dooleel jiníigo, t'áá k'ad yisdázhdoogááł lá – t'áadoo báqh ílínígóó, ts'ídá t'áá jíík'e. Jesus t'éí beego aTaa' éí iiná hweidoolééł. "Náánála' bee yisdá'doodáalii doo nááhódlqó da, háálá yádiłhił biyaagi yízhí náánála' bee yisdáhiikáah dooleeli ts'ídá doo ɬa' nihokáá' dine'é baa náádeet'áą da" (Acts 4:12).

Ts'ídá nááná ɬa' háiida binahjí' yisdázhdoogálígíí doo nááhódlqó da. Jesus t'éí bee yisdá'iildééh lá. Nidi díí t'ah náábílhíjí' ha'át'iishq' ałdó' bídin náájídlíi doo? "Diyin éí ts'ídá ayóó'ánihó'níigo nihaa nitsékees. Bibee ayóó'ó'ó'ní' azhá aninéhígíí nidi biláahgo bidziil. BiYe' Jesus Christ nihá ninéidiní'ánígíí binahjí'go yá'qashdi hólónígíí t'áá ałtsó nihaidiní'ąągo át'é" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 16).

Nothing can stop you from accepting God's Gift. No sin you have done, no mistake you have made can stand in the way of your accepting Jesus and His accepting you. If you haven't come to Him already, do it now. Say, Father, I see that I need you. I can't save myself by anything I do. Give me life and salvation because of Your Son, Jesus. Thank you for doing this in Jesus' name.

Díí nihaidiní'ánígíí niidzingogo ts'ídá t'áadoo yinóoł-tł'ahí da. Bąąhági át'éii lą́í baa nijiiyá dóó ni'jiisíh nidi Jesus be'ayóó'ó'ó'ni' yee náhwiidoosaałgo át'éé lá. Jesus nich'i' yeidlee'ígíí t'ah doo nídiiléégóogo k'ad níhíkeedgo ádiih nilyé. Bee ádíní dooleełígíí éí: ShiTaa', yá'ąąshdi honíłoonii, k'ad éí nídin nishlínígíí baa ákonisin. Shił bééhózingo doo t'áá shí she'adziil bee yisdádeeshááł át'ée da. Iiná dóó yisdá'iildééh shaa díílééł, Jesus Christ bízhi' biníká góne'. Nííníshkeedígíí t'áá ałtso shá be'iinilaaígíí baa ahééh nisin.