

Chapter 5

Leaving Sins With Jesus: How to Live a Changed Life

You have learned that God loves you, and that you need Him. You've been truly sorry for your past sins and have brought them to Jesus. Now you want to leave these sins behind and live a better life. How will you do this? You're still human and you have habits. Some of these habits are bad ones that you want to give up. You've already dealt with past sin, but how do you guard against future sin? How do you go about living a changed life?

Paul says, "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him" (Colossians 2:6). Christ has brought you this far. He has given you love, repentance, and forgiveness. What did you do to get these things? You simply asked. Jesus did all of this for you. You cooperated with what He was doing, but you did none of it yourself.

That situation will not change as you become a more mature Christian. You will go on from here in just the same

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Habąąhági Át'éii Jesus Baazhdee'aahgo: Łahgo Át'éego Jiinánígíí

Nił béehózingo Diyin ayóó'ánó'ní, áadóó bídin níl̄. Nibąąhági át'éii yéę t'áá aaníí bąąh níni' síníl̄' dóó Jesus beínilá. K'ad índa shibąąhági át'éii yéę yóó'adideesh'áál jinízin shíí sha'shin, dóó yá'át'éehgo nijigháa dooleeł bee áadaa nitsídzíkees. Díísh hait'éego ádíílííł? T'ah nidi bíla' ashdla'ii níl̄igo, haléit'éego ts'ídá Łahgo át'éego hinínáa doo? Nibąąhági ádaat'éii yéę naa nídeet'á, áko éí ádaasdił. Nidi ni'iidzihígíí ch'ééh yóó'adideesh'áál nínízingo, haash yit'éego bíninil'áa doo? Hait'éego iiná ániidígíí bee hinínáa doo?

Paul ání, "Éí bąą Christ Jesus nihiBóhólníihii nihee dahazl̄'ígi át'éego baa dadzíínóhłíigo bee dayínóhkááh" (Colossians 2:6). Christ nił yi'ashgo kónizahíjí' níiníyá. Diyin éí ayóó'íiní'ní, dóó bąąhági át'éii yéę bąąh níni'go ániilaa, dóó ná ch'éidiní'á. Díísh haa áhóót'íjí? Bííníkeedgo t'éiyá. Jesus díí t'áá ałtso ná ádzaa. Bí éí nił yi'ashgo ákódzaa, áko Jesus t'áá géedgo t'áadoo Ła' ádá únidzaaí da lá.

Kodóó Jesus t'áá ákót'éego nił náás doo'ash. Kónizahíjí' níiníyáhígí át'éego náás náánádáał doo – t'ah nidi t'áadoo

way that you have come this far – by asking Christ to do for you what you couldn't do for yourself.

Now you say, this is all very good. But I've got real sins in my life. Somehow I've got to overcome them. What can I do about these sins? Are you going to do this by diligent, personal effort? Really diligent, personal effort! How? You are sinful. How can you destroy something that's a part of your very nature? You can't do that!

But Christ's presence destroys sin. This means just one thing. You need Christ. He can do for you things that you can't possibly do for yourself. He can get rid of sin so that it's really gone. Even though you are sinful, Christ can change your way of thinking. He can do this for you if you ask Him. But you've got to ask!

Asking for something is not the same as working for it. In spiritual things Jesus does the work and you receive the benefit. What do you think? Is receiving money the same as working for it? Not quite! If a person offered you a thousand dollars, would that automatically mean you had earned it?

bíninil'ání da nidi Jesus nił náánát'ash doo, díida, éida shá ádíílííl bííníkeedgo.

T'óó ájíní shííní'níísh? Bąąhági át'éii bidziili ch'éeh yóó'adish'aah, dinííshlí? Díí t'áá ałtso baa hóóne'ígíí hait'éego shá niłdzil doo, jiní daats'í? T'áá ni yéego binanilnishgo daats'í yóó'adidíí'áałgo át'é daats'í? Ts'ídá yéego binanilnishgo. Díísh hait'éego ákót'ée doo? Ni éí bąąhági ánít'í. Áko ánít'éhígíí ádííldíjílgooósh bíninil'á? Dooda láq!

Áko nidi Christ hólqodi bąąhági át'éii ádijih. Díí hazhó'ó baa nitsíníkees. Ááhyiłníngíí éí, Christ bídin níllí lá. Doo bíninil'áq daígíí ná úidoolíiłgo át'é. Bąąhági át'éii nijéí bii' hólóníngíí ná úidoołdijíł - t'áá aaníí ásdiłdji'. Azhá bąąhági ádaniit'ée nidi nihijéí bii' laanaa daniidziníngíí ts'ídá t'áá ałtso Christ beego ánéidooldííł. Nidi bííníkeedgo t'éí ádoonííł!

Ha'át'ihída bíjókeedgo, hailyéhígíí biniyé nijlnishígíí doo bił aheełt'ée da. Bíni'dii Jesus diyin k'ehgo naalnish, ni éí ádiih neilyé. Ha'át'iísh baa nitsíníkees? Diné ła' béeso t'óó hainínilgoósh bik'é nijishnish? Dooda sha'shin! Háí shíí t'ááłahídi mííł yázhíígíí béeso t'áá jíík'e haa deeshníł nidííniidgo, láqáq bidiniihgo, ákoósh bik'é nishínílnish?

No. But you are able to accept or reject it. And if you accept the gift, that still would not mean you had earned it. Someone else worked hard for that thousand dollars. They earned it. You merely accepted it.

If you ask Jesus to come into your life and fight sin for you, He knows how to do that. He defeated sin when He was living here on earth. So He can tell you, Here is victory over this particular problem. Will you accept My victory into your life? Then, just like the thousand dollars we used as an illustration, you can either accept His victory or reject it. The choice is yours. If you accept what He offers, does that mean you earned it? No! Jesus earned it, not you.

Please remember carefully what I am about to say: If your fight against sin is ever to be successful, it won't be a fight against sin. Instead it will be a fight against anything that would separate you from Jesus. It will be a fight to overcome the feeling that you don't need to ask God for help just this once because, after all, there are some things you can do for yourself. Friend, there is nothing you can do for yourself *without* Jesus. (Read John 15:5.) On the other hand there is nothing you can't do *with* Jesus. (Read Philippians 4:13.) So in one word the difference between success and

Dooda ląq! Diné háí shíí naashnishgo bibéeso hazlígí'. Ni éí t'óó neínil.

T'áá ákohgo Jesus bííníkeedgo, shijéí biih nínáahgo shíká anánílwo' diniigo, bąąhági át'éii ch'éeh yóó'adish'aah bidiníigo, níká adoolwoł. Ałk'idáqá' Jesus bąąhági át'éii t'áá ałtso yik'eh deesdlígí'. Áko ánílní, Díida, éida ná bik'eh déshdlígí' shiyázhí; díí baa naasháhígí át'éegoósh nanináá doo k'ad? Kót'éego mííl yázhí béeso ha'nínéé nahalingo Jesus ná áyiilaágíí neinílá. Doo nisin da bidiníigo ná bee ahóót'i'. Jó t'áá ni éí bee nöhólníh. Nidi nisin bidiníigoósh, da' t'áá ni ne'adziilísh bee ak'eh dínídlígí'? Dooda ląq! Jesus éí ałk'idáqá' naashnishgo ak'eh deesdlígí'. Doo ni ninaanish át'ée da.

Díí hazhó'ó yíníltá' dóó béénílniih: Bąąhági át'éii bik'eh dínídlígí'gogo, doo bąąhági át'éii t'éiyá baa nitsníkeesgóó ak'eh dínídlígí' da. Jesus éí yéego ba'íínílí. Diné ła', kwe'é t'éí Jesus t'áá géedgo baa naasháago bííníshghah jiníigo, éí doo há yá'át'éeh da. Kwá'ásiní, t'áá ni Jesus t'áá géedgo tsídá t'áadoo bíinil'ání da. (John 15:5 yíníltá'.) T'áá ákót'ée nidi, Jesus t'áá biłgo éí t'áá ałtsoní ádíílúiłgo bíinil'áká lá. (Philippians 4:13 néíníltá'.) Áko aláahdi át'éhígíí éí Jesus

failure in spiritual things is Jesus. You need to keep on choosing Him every day you live. This is where the real fight is, and He will help you win it. Let Jesus take care of sin; you keep your mind on Him.

How much victory is possible in this way? Well, if you want Christ to change your whole life, you must give Him your whole life. You can't belong to Jesus half way. You are either His or you are not. When you belong to Jesus you may still have faults (see Romans 7:21); and He knows this, but He can change you. The important thing is this: Christ is either present in your life changing you into His likeness, or He is not. You must be His completely.

"Some people say that they serve God, but they try to obey His laws without His help. By their own works they try to develop a good character and receive salvation. Their hearts are not moved by the love of Christ. They try to do good works because they think God requires this in order for them to reach heaven. Such religion is worth nothing" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 41).

át'éé lá. T'áadoo nát'áqá' nináhidídáhigo nił yi'ash doo. Bíni'dii bąqahági át'éii bídeet'i'; ni éí Jesus nił yi'ashígíí t'éí baa nitsíníkees dooleeł.

Haa lá níłtsogo shibąqahági át'éi ádoodjíł jinízin daats'í? T'áá át'é Christ hajéí ɬahgo át'éego shá úidoolííł jinízingo, áko hajéí t'áá át'é baa díílééł. T'áá áłts'íísigo Jesus bí' nishkíjí dooleeł doo jiníi da. Bíí' jílújdóó, doo bíí' jílújgóó, éí naaki ał'aqá át'é. Jesus bíí' nílqí nidi ni'át'e' t'ahdii nidáahgi hólóqo shíí sha'shin (Romans 7:21 yínílt'a'); éidí bił békéhózingo ákót'é, nidi nijéí ɬahgo át'éego úidoolííłgo yíneel'á. Aláahdi át'éhígíí éí díí: Christ nijéí bii' hólóqogo hasht'enáánidoodlííł; éí doodago nijéí bii' ádin. Ákohgo ts'ídá t'áá sínízíí nít'éé' bich'í' niná'ádinít'aah doo.

"Diné ɬa' shí lá Diyin God bá naash'a' daaní. T'áá shí nizhónigo yishááł, dóó shijéí nidi t'áá shí yá'át'éehii bii' hólóqogo ánaádeeshdlííł daaní. Jesus be'ayóó'ó'ó'ni' doo bijéít'ááhdéé'go yaa ákodanízin da. Ha'át'íhída ázhdooníílgíí ádaanííł, t'óó yá'aqashii bił haz'áqadi atah hojílqo dooleeł biniyé. Nahaghá ákót'éii doo ílqíjí da" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 41).

"When Christ lives in us, we will be filled with His love. The joy of His friendship will make us want to be near Him. We shall think about Him so much that we will forget our selfish desires. Love for Him will guide every action" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 41).

When love for Christ is the reason why you do things, then you're a Christian even if you still have faults. And you will grow, as God wants you to, into a beautiful member of His kingdom.

"Christ hajéí bii' hólóqogogo, bí éí aláahgo baa nitsídzíkees doo áadóó bik'eh hojíl'íji doo. Jesus hoł yi'ashgo ayóo baa hózhóq doo áadóó bízhneedlíigo ts'ídá agháago baa nitsídzíkees doo. Ákót'éego jiináago doo t'áá iiyisí áadaa nitsídzíkees da ḱeh. Jesus ayóó'ahó'níigo biniinaa bił yá'ádaat'eehii baa nijigháa doo" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 41).

Baa nanináhígíí éí Christ ayóó'ííni'nínígíí biniinaa baa nanináagogo dóó bígi át'éego nitsíníkeesgogo, áko t'áá aaníí oodlání nílígíí lá, azhá shíí t'ahdii ni'iýísíih nidi. T'áá ákohgo diyin k'ehgo dínííséél. Bí éí ná yinízingi át'éego yinídláqago ba'íínlíigo, ḱah beinílkáqago yá'aqshii bił haz'áqadi Diyin t'áá bí bił honílóq doo.