

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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Habaahági Át'èii Jesus Baazhdee'aahgo:

Lahgo Át'éego Jiinánígíí

Nił bééhózingo Diyin ayóó'ánó'ní, áádóó bídin nílí. Nibaahági át'èii yęę t'áa aaníi baah níni' sínííí' dóó Jesus beíníla. K'ad índa shibaahági át'èii yęę yóó'adideesh'áál jinízin shíí sha'shin, dóó yá'át'éehgo nijigháa dooleeł bee ádaa nitsídzíkees. Díish hait'éego ádííííí? T'ah nidi bíla' ashdlá'ii nílíigo, haléit'éego ts'ídá lahgo át'éego hinínáa doo? Nibaahági ádaat'èii yęę naa nídeet'á, áko éí ádaasdiid. Nidi ní'iidzihígíí ch'ééh yóó'adideesh'áál nínízingo, haash yit'éego bíninil'áa doo? Hait'éego iiná ániidígíí bee hinínáa doo?

Paul ání, "Éí baą Christ Jesus nihiBóhólníihii nihee dahazlí'ígi át'éego baa dadzínóhíigo bee dayínóh-kááh" (Colossians 2:6). Christ nił yi'ashgo kónízahíí' níníyá. Diyin éí ayóó'ííní'ní, dóó baahági át'èii yęę baah níni'go ániilaa, dóó ná ch'éidiní'á. Díish haa áhóót'íid? Bííníkeedgo t'éiyá. Jesus díí t'áa ałtso ná ádzaa. Bí éí nił yi'ashgo ákódzaa, áko Jesus t'áa géedgo t'áadoo ła' ádá íinidzaaí da lá.

Kodóó Jesus t'áa ákót'éego nił náas doo'ash. Kónízahíí' níníyáhígi át'éego náas 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 ádííííł bíníkeedgo.

T'óó ájíní shííní'níish? Bąąhági át'èii bidziilii ch'ééh yóó'adish'aah, diníishkí? Díí t'áá áltso baa hóóne'ígíí hait'éego shá niłdzil doo, jíní daats'í? T'áá ni yéego binanilnishgo daats'í yóó'adidí'áałgo át'é daats'í? Ts'ídá yéego binanilnishgo. Díish hait'éego ákót'ée doo? Ni éi bąąhági ánít'í. Áko ánít'éhígíí ádííłdįįłgoósh bíninil'á? Dooda ląą!

Áko nidi Christ hólóodi bąąhági át'èii áđįįh. Díí hazhó'ó baa nitsíníkees. Ááhyiłnínígíí éi, Christ bídin níłíí lá. Doo bíninil'ąą daígíí ná íidoolííłgo át'é. Bąąhági át'èii nijéi bií' hólónígíí ná íidoolđįįł – t'áá aaníí ásdįįđį'. Azhá bąąhági ádaniit'ée nidi nihijéi bií' laanaa daniidzinígíí ts'ídá t'áá áltso Christ beego ánéidoodlííł. Nidi bíníkeedgo t'éi ádoonííł!

Ha'át'íhída bíjókeedgo, hailyéhígíí biniyé nijilnishígíí doo bił aheekt'ée da. Bini'dii Jesus diyin k'ehgo naalnish, ni éi áđiíh neilyé. Ha'át'íish baa nitsíníkees? Diné ła' béeso t'óó hainíilgoósh bik'é nijishnish? Dooda sha'shin! Háí shíí t'ááláhídi míł yázhígíí béeso t'áá jíłk'e haa deeshnił nidíiniidgo, lą'ąą 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 ląą! Diné hái shíí naashnishgo bibéeso hazlíí'. Ni éi t'óó neí'nil.

T'áá ákohgo Jesus bííníkeedgo, shijéi biih nínáahgo shíká anáníwo' diníigo, ąąhági át'ėii ch'ėéh yóó'adish'aah bidiníigo, níká adoolwoł. Ałk'idáá' Jesus ąąhági át'ėii t'áá ałtso yik'eh deesdlíí'. Áko áníní, Díida, éida ná bik'eh déshdlíí' shiyázhi; díi baa naasháhigi át'ėegoósh nanináa doo k'ad? Kót'ėego míł yázhi béeso ha'nínėę nahalingo Jesus ná áyiılaaígíi neiníłá. Doo nisin da bidiníigo ná bee ahóót'i'. Jó t'áá ni éi bee nóhólnííh. Nidi nisin bidiníigoósh, da' t'áá ni ne'adziilish bee ak'eh dínídlíí'? Dooda ląą! Jesus éi ałk'idáá' naashnishgo ak'eh deesdlíí'. Doo ni ninaanish át'ėe da.

Díi hazhóó yíníłta' dóó béénílniih: ąąhági át'ėii bik'eh dínídlíí'gogo, doo ąąhági át'ėii t'ėiyá baa nitsíníkeesgóó ak'eh dínídlíí' da. Jesus éi yėego ba'íiníłi. Diné łá', kwe'é t'ėi Jesus t'áá géedgo baa naasháago bíínishghah jiníigo, éi doo há yá'át'ėeh da. Kwá'ásini, t'áá ni Jesus t'áá géedgo tsídá t'áadoo bíninil'áni da. (John 15:5 yíníłta'.) T'áá ákót'ėe nidi, Jesus t'áá bíłgo éi t'áá ałtsoni ádíłłiłgo bíninil'áá lá. (Philippians 4:13 néiníłta'.) Áko aláahdi át'ėhígíi éi 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'ée lá. T'áadoo nát'áá' nináhidídáhígo nił yi'ash doo. Bini'dii baahági át'ëii bídeet'i'; ni éi Jesus nił yi'ashígíí t'éi baa nitsíníkees dooleet.

Haa lá níłtsogo shibaahági át'ëi ádoodijł jinízin daats'í? T'áá át'é Christ hajéi łahgo át'éego shá ídoolíł jinízingo, áko hajéi t'áá át'é baa díléet. T'áá áłts'íisigo Jesus bíi' nishłı dooleet doo jinii da. Bíi' jíłıdóo, doo bíi' jíłıgóo, éi naaki a'łaa át'é. Jesus bíi' níłı nidi ni'át'e' t'ahdii nidáahgi hólóo shıı sha'shin (Romans 7:21 yínıłta'); éidı bıł bééhózingo ákót'é, nidi nijéi łahgo át'éego ídoolıłgo yíneel'á. Aláahdi át'éhígíí éi díi: Christ nijéi bii' hólóogo hasht'enáánidoodlıı; éi doodago nijéi bii' ádin. Ákohgo ts'ídá t'áá sínızıı nıt'ée' bich'ı' niná'ádinıt'aah doo.

"Diné łá' shı lá Diyin God bá naash'a' daanı. T'áá shı nizhónigo yisháál, dóo shijéi nidi t'áá shı yá'át'éehii bíi' hólóogo ánáádeeshdlıı daanı. Jesus be'ayóó'ó'ó'ni' doo bijéitł'áahdeę'go yaa ákodanízın da. Ha'át'íhıda ázhdoonıłgıı ádaanıł, t'óo yá'aashii bıł haz'áadi atah hojılóo dooleet biniyé. Nahaghá ákót'ëii doo íłı 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 hajéi bii' hólóogogo, bí éi aláahgo baa nitsídzíkees doo áádóó bik'eh hojíl'íi doo. Jesus hoł yi'ashgo ayóo baa hózhóq doo áádóó bízhneedlíigo ts'ídá agháago baa nitsídzíkees doo. Ákót'éego jinaáago doo t'áá íiyisí ádaa nitsídzíkees da łeh. Jesus ayóó'áhó'núigo biniinaa bił yá'ádaat'éehii baa nijigháa doo" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 41).

Baa nanináhígíi éi Christ ayóó'íini'nínígíi biniinaa baa nanináagogo dóo bígi át'éego nitsíníkeesgogo, áko t'áá aaníi oodlání nílíi lá, azhà shíi t'ahdii ni'iyisíih nidi. T'áá ákohgo diyin k'ehgo díníiséel. Bí éi ná yinízingi át'éego yinídláago ba'íiníliigo, łah beinílkáago yá'aashii bił haz'áadi Diyin t'áá bí bił honílóq doo.