

Chapter 6

Believing God

There is a big difference between the way Jesus lived and the way we live. As we draw closer to Him this becomes more and more clear. The fact is that, while He is holy, we are not. So His holiness makes our sinfulness stand out. In His presence sin appears as it really is – ugly and undesirable. It's only when we know Jesus that we can truly learn to hate our sins.

As you begin to see that your sins really are sins, and that this is not just something we say, you may feel that Christ can't forgive you. You may even feel that the sins you brought to Him before are not completely forgiven, that some of your guilt remains. This is simply not true.

"You need peace – Heaven's forgiveness and peace and love. Money cannot buy that peace. Study will not give it. The mind cannot find it. Being wise will not provide it. You can never hope to receive this peace by your own work

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Diyin God Joodlǎago

Jesus be'iina' éi nihí dahinii'nánígíí doo yił aheelt'ée da. T'áadoo bahat'aadí Jesus hoł yi'ashgo díí baa ákoznízin doo. Nihí baahági ádaniit'é, bí éi diyin. Diyin nilínígíí biniinaa Jesus éi nihí baahági ádaniit'éhígíí nihíł íishjáni ííł. T'áa ákót'éego baahági át'èii éi danichxó'ígíí dóo doo yá'adaat'éhígíí danilǎigo hoł bééhooziłh. Christ bit'áa ákwii át'éhígíí baa ákoniidziłhgo nihibaahági át'èii jiiniidlá yileeh.

Baahági át'èii ts'ídá nichxó'ígíí át'é. Díí doo t'óo ádii'níi da. Kót'éego baa ákoznízingo, shí doo shaa nídidoot'áał da jinízin shíł łeh. T'áa íídáá' baahági át'èii yéę haa nídeet'áa nidi doo t'áa ałtsojł' shaa nídeet'áa da sha'shin jinízin łeh. Shibaahági át'èii yéę t'ah nidi hóló, jinízin daats'í. Díí éi ts'ídá doo ákót'ée da!

"Ach'í' hózhó bídin níłı lá – yá'aashdée' aa náhidi-t'aahígíí dóo ach'í' hózhó dóo ayóó'ó'óni nijéi bił' hólógo bídin níłı. Díí doo béeso bee nahidoonihígíí át'ée da. Azhá hojıyáago yéego nitsídzıkees nidi doo bik'izhdoogáał da. Binijılınishgo nidi doo bik'izhdoołkah át'ée da lá. Diyin God

and power. God offers His peace to you as a gift. 'It will cost you nothing!' (Isaiah 55:1). It is yours if you will reach out your hands and take it" (*Steps to Jesus*, pp. 46-47).

"You have confessed your sins and chosen to put them out of your life. You have decided to give yourself to God. Now go to Him and ask Him to wash away your sins. Ask Him to give you a new heart, a new mind. Then believe that He does this, *because He has promised*. Jesus taught this lesson when He was on the earth. You must believe that you receive the gift God promises and that it is yours" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 47).

To have peace in your heart you must believe that the sins you've asked Jesus to forgive are really forgiven. Jesus asks us to believe this, not because believing it will make us feel good, but because it's true. Notice, He doesn't ask us to believe this because we feel it is true. We might *not* feel it is true, but this doesn't change the fact. You asked God for forgiveness. Believe that He has answered your prayer – not because you feel it, but because He said so. It makes no difference how we feel. His Word is still true. If you have confessed your sins and in your heart truly put them away, then God has forgiven those sins completely.

t'áá jíík'e neilé – 'béeso t'áá gééd índa doo báháh ílíní-góó ' (Isaiah 55:1). T'áá jíík'e nee hodooleeł, Diyin bich'í' dah diníyá dóó bíká díníchidgo índa" (*Steps to Jesus*, pp. 46-47).

"Hádáá' shíí nibaahági át'èii Diyin bich'í' ádaa nahosínílné', dóó nijéiyi'di doo baa nichí' da sínííí'. Diyin baa ánídíínít'á bich'í' háínídzíí'. Áko k'ad bich'í' náánídá, ákóbidińiigo: Shibaahági át'èii shii'déé' hanílé dóó ajéi ániidígíí shaa nílé. Áádóó índa bini'dii há ákwííléhígíí baa ákonínízín doo – Jesus ts'ídá há ádeeshkííł nidińiídígíí biniinaa. Kót'éego Jesus yee na'neeztáá', nahasdzáán bikáa'gi nihitaagháháadáá' " (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 47).

Nibaahági át'èii yéę Jesus beínílaago, t'áá áltsojii' naa nídeet'ánígíí yidíídláał, áko ach'í' hózhó nee hodooleeł, nidi ach'í' hózhónígíí éi doo éi át'ée da. Jó doo ákót'ée da jinízín nidi, t'ahdii t'áá aaníi leh. Diyin God shaa nídiní'aah bidíńińiíd, áko t'áá bí Bizaadígíí nildzilgo yinídláa doo – doo t'óó baa nitsíníkeesígíí biniinaa da, Bizaad biyi'dóó yee ánínígíí biniinaago láa. Ni éi, daats'í dóó sha'shingo shíí baa nitsíníkees. Azhá ákót'ée nidi Diyin Bizaad ts'ídá t'áá aaníi át'é. Nibaahági át'èii yéę Diyin bich'í' ádaa nahosínílné' ládáá' dóó nijéit'áahdi nahjii' kwíńińiilaago, áko t'áá áltsojii' naa nídeet'áá lá.

"Read the Bible stories about Jesus healing the sick. From them you can learn something of how to believe in Him for the forgiveness of sins. Turn to the story of the sick man at the pool of Bethesda. The poor man was helpless. He had not walked for 38 years. Yet Jesus said to him, 'Get up, pick up your bed, and go home!' The sick man did not say, 'Lord, if you make me well, I will obey Your word.' No, he believed Christ's word. He believed he was made well, and that very moment he tried to walk. He *chose* to walk. And he did walk. He acted on the word of Christ, and God gave the power. The man was healed" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 48).

"You can do nothing to take away your past sins. You cannot change your heart or make yourself holy. But God promises to do all this for you through Christ. *Believe* that promise. Confess your sins and give yourself to God. *Choose* to serve Him. God will surely keep His promise to you if you

"Diyin Bizaad biyi'dóó Jesus éí kanidaakaiígíí hadaalt'é ánídayiidlaago yaa nahasne'. Díí hane'ígíí éí baahági át'éii haa náhidit'aah haz'áagi bee bééhodooziįł lá. Diné ła' na'niłhodí jilįigo, Bethesda hoolyéegi dzizdáago, éí baa nitsínikees. Dinéhęę háká análwo'ii ádingo dzizdá. Tádiin dóó ba'aa tseebíí nááhai bíighahgo hajáad doo choyool'įid da nít'ée' lá. Azhá ákót'ée nidi Jesus níidiááh hałní; bik'i nítéhí nídiiltsóosgo dah diinááh hałní. Diné kanijgháháa, ShiBóhólniıhii, náshidinisáago índa nik'eh honish'įigo dah dideesháał éí doo níi da. Christ hach'į' hadzi'go áhodíniidęę joosdlaad. Shich'į' há'oodzi'ígíí yinishdláago bee bineesh'á jiní, áko nídiina'go dah diiyá. Yídeesįł dóó dah dideesháał t'eiya baa nitsídzíkeesgo, nízhdiina' dóó dashdiiyá. Christ kóninéeh hałniigo bízneetzáa', áko Diyin éí diné bízhneel'á áhoolaa. Hadaalt'é ánáho'diilyaa" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 48).

"T'áa ni t'áa sáhigo doo Diyin bił k'é ná'ahidí'niil át'ée da. Nijéi doo t'áa ni łaago át'éego ánídídliilgo át'ée da; doo t'áa ni yá'át'éełh ánídidíłniil da. Nidi Christ beego díi t'áa altso Diyin ná ákwíidoolíł. Bizaadígíí *yinídlá*. Nibaahági át'éii yęę Christ bich'į' ádaa hodíłnihgo t'áa sínízįı nít'ée' baa *ánidinít'aah* doo. T'áa k'ad nik'eh honish'įı doo, bidini. Ákohgo Diyin God t'áa bí éí bíninil'áago nidziilgo

do this" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 48). "Do not wait to *feel* that you are made whole. Say, 'I believe it. It *is* so, not because I feel it, but because God has promised'" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 48).

God says, "As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us" (Psalm 103:12). This means *your* sins, not just other people's. Do you believe this? Which is more sure – your feelings, or God's Word? Jesus once said: "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36).

If you've asked Him to do this, then Christ has set you free. If you're free, be glad! Take God at His word.

ánidoolíí" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 48). "T'áadoo t'óó hasht'e-shi'diilyaago índa dooleeł níníziní. Diyin Bizaad yinishdlá diní – doo t'óó ínisinígíí biniinaa da, nidi Diyin God yee haadzí'ígíí biniinaago ląą" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 48).

Diyin ání, "Bee haz'áanii dahiiti'ii ha'a'aahdóó e'e'aah ánízáágóó nihits'éidini'á" (Psalm 103:12). *T'áá ni nibaąhági* át'ėii éi ááhyiłní kwe'é, doo diné náánáła' t'ėiyáa da. Da' díish yinídlá? Háidíshą' aláahgo ba'íníliigo yinídląą doo – baa nitsíníkeesígíí daats'í? Diyin God bizaad niłdzilgo yee hahasdzí'ígíí daats'í? Łahdąą' Jesus ání: "Éi ąą aYe' nihée-deideezhchidgo, t'áá aaníi nihéedadeeshchid doo" (John 8:36).

Christ bíníkeed lądąą', t'áá ídąą' néedoochidgo át'ė. Néedoochid lądąą', baa nił hózhọ doo! Bini'dii Diyin God yee hahasdzí'ígíí yéego yinídląą dooleeł!