

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 Joodláągo

Jesus be'iina' éí nihí dahinii'nánígíí doo yił aheełt'ée da. T'áadoo bahat'aadí Jesus hoł yi'ashgo díí baa ákoznízin doo. Nihí bąąhági ádaniit'é, bí éí diyin. Diyin nilnígíí biniinaa Jesus éí nihí bąąhági ádaniit'ehígíí nihíł úishjání ííł'í. T'áá ákót'ëego bąąhági át'éii éí danichxó'ígíí dóó doo yá'ádaat'ehígíí danilíigo hoł bééhoozjih. Christ bit'áá ákwii át'ehígíí baa ákoniidzíihgo nihibąąhági át'éii jiiniidlá yileeh.

Bąąhági át'éii ts'ídá nichxó'ígíí át'é. Díí doo t'óó ádii'níi da. Kót'ëego baa ákoznízingo, shí doo shaa nídidoot'áał da jinízin shíí ɬeh. T'áá íídáq' bąąhági át'éii yéę haa nídeet'ąą nidi doo t'áá ałtsojí' shaa nídeet'ąą da sha'shin jinízin ɬeh. Shı̄bąąhági át'éii yéę t'ah nidi hóló, jinízin daats'í. Díí éí ts'ídá doo ákót'ée da!

"Ach'í' hózhó bídin nílíí lá – yá'aqashdéké' aa náhidi-t'aahígíí dóó ach'í' hózhó dóó ayóó'ó'ó'ní nijéí bii' hólóqo go bídin nílí. Díí doo béeso bee nahidoonihígíí át'ée da. Azhá hojíyáago yéego nitsídzíkees nidi doo bik'izhdoogáał da. Binijlnishgo 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 jíik'e neílé – 'béeso t'áá gééd índa doo báqh ílínígoo' (Isaiah 55:1). T'áá jíik'e nee hodooleeł, Diyin bich'í' dah diniyá dóó bíká díníchidgo índa" (*Steps to Jesus*, pp. 46-47).

"Hádáá' shíí nibaqhági át'éii Diyin bich'í' ádaa nahosínílne', dóó nijéyi'di doo baa nichí' da sínílíf'. Diyin baa ánídíínít'á bich'í' háínídzíí'. Áko k'ad bich'í' náánídá, ákóbidiníigo: Shibaqhági át'éii shii'déé' hanílé dóó ajéí ániidígíí shaa nílé. Áadóó índa bíni'dii há ákwíílhígíí baa ákonínízin doo – Jesus ts'ídá há ádeeshlííl nidííniidígíí biniinaa. Kót'éego Jesus yee na'neeztáá', nahasdzáán bikáa'gi nihitaagháháqadáá' " (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 47).

Nibaqhági át'éii yéé Jesus beíníláago, t'áá ałtsojí' naa nídeet'ánígíí yidiídląął, áko ach'í' hózhó nee hodooleeł, nidi ach'í' hózhónígíí éí doo éí át'ee da. Jó doo ákót'ee da jinízin nidi, t'ahdii t'áá aaníí ɬeh. Diyin God shaa nídiní'aah bidííñíiid, áko t'áá bí Bizaadígíí niłdzilgo yinídląąq doo – doo t'óó baa nitsíníkeesígíí biniinaa da, Bizaad biyi'dóó yee ánínígíí biniinaago ląą. Ni éí, daats'í dóó sha'shingo shíí baa nitsíníkees. Azhá ákót'ee nidi Diyin Bizaad ts'ídá t'áá aaníí át'é. Nibaqhági át'éii yéé Diyin bich'í' ádaa nahosínílne' ládáá' dóó nijéítł'áahdi nahjí' kwíinilaago, áko t'áá ałtsojí' 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 hadaałt'é ánídayiidlaago yaa nahasne'. Díí hane'ígíí éí bąąhági át'éii haa náhidit'aah haz'ąągi bee bééhodoozijíł lá. Diné ła' na'nílhodí jílífego, Bethésda hoolyéegi dzizdáago, éí baa nitsíníkees. Dinéhéę́ háká analwo'ii ádingo dzizdá. Tádiin dóó ba'ąą tseebíí nááhai bíighahgo hajáad doo choyooł'íid da nít'ee' lá. Azhá ákót'ee nidi Jesus nídiidááh hałní; bik'i nítéhí nídiiltsósogo dah diinááh hałní. Diné kanijigháháą, ShiBóhólñíihii, náshidinisáago índa nik'eh honish'íigo dah dideesháál éí doo níi da. Christ hach'í' hadzíi'go áhodííniidéę́ joosdląąd. Shich'í' há'oodzí'ígíí yinishdląągo bee bíneesh'á jiní, áko nídiin'na'go dah diiyá. Yídeesijíł dóó dah dideesháál t'éiyá baa nitsídzíkeesgo, nízhdiin'na' dóó dashdiiyá. Christ kónínééh hałníigo bízneeztáą', áko Diyin éí diné bízhneel'á áhoolaa. Hadaałt'é ánáho'diilyaa" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 48).

"T'áá ni t'áá sáhigo doo Diyin bił k'é ná'ahidíí'niil át'ee da. Nijéí doo t'áá ni ɬahgo át'éego ánídíídlíiłgo át'ee da; doo t'áá ni yá'át'ééh ánídidíílníił da. Nidi Christ beego díí t'áá ałtso Diyin ná ákwíidoolíił. Bizaadígíí yinídlá. Nibąąhági át'éii yéę Christ bich'í' áadaa hodíílnihgo t'áá sínízíjí nít'ee' baa ánídinít'aah doo. T'áá k'ad nik'eh honish'íjí doo, bidiní. Ákohgo Diyin God t'áá bí éí bíninil'ąągo 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.

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

Diyin ání, "Bee haz'áanii dahiiti'ii ha'a'aahdóó e'e'aah ánízáágóó nihits'éidiní'á" (Psalm 103:12). *T'áá ni nibąąhági át'éii éí ááhyiłní kwe'é*, doo diné náánála' t'éiyáa da. Da' díísh yinídlá? Háidíshq' aláahgo ba'ínílíigo yinídláq doo – baa nitsíníkeesígíí daats'í? Diyin God bizaad niłdzilgo yee hahasdzí'ígíí daats'í? Łahdáq' Jesus ání: "Éí bąą aYe' nihéé-deideezhchidgo, t'áá aaníí nihéédaadeeshchid doo" (John 8:36).

Christ bííníkeed látáq', t'áá íídáq' néédoochidgo át'é. Néédoochid látáq', baa nił hózhóq doo! Bíni'dii Diyin God yee hahasdzí'ígíí yéego yinídláq dooleeł!