

Chapter 1

God Loves You

God loves you. This is the most important truth in all the Bible. He loves all mankind. The Bible says: "You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (Galatians 3:26-29).

But how can we know that God loves us? "The fact that 'God is love' is shown by every opening flower and blade of grass. Lovely birds singing their happy songs tell us of God's tender care. The bright flowers that sweeten the air

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Diyin Ayóó'ánó'ní

Diyin t'áá íyisí ayóó'ánó'níí lá. Diyin Bizaad yaa halne'ígíí bitahdóó díí aláahdi át'é. Diyin éí bíla'ashdla'ii t'áá ałtso ayóó'ádayó'ní. Bizaad yee ání: "Háálá Christ Jesus deinohdlánígíí bee t'áá ánółtso Diyin God ba'áłchíní danohłí. Háálá nohłá'í Christ bił lá'í soolłí'go tó bee danihi'doolzı'ígíí Christ bee hadadoohdzaago t'áá binoołt'é dasoolłí'. Éí baą Jew dine'é índá Gríik dine'é nohłínii doo ał'ąą ádanohł'ée da; naalte' índá doo naalte' nohłínii doo ał'ąą ádanohł'ée da; biką'ii índá bi'áadii nohłínii doo ał'ąą ádanohł'ée da, háálá t'áá ánółtso Christ Jesus bee lá'í nohłí. Áko Christ bí' danohłı'igo Éıbraham ba'áłchíní danohłí, áko Éıbraham baa deet'áanii danihi'" (Galatians 3:26-29).

Haléit'éego Diyin ayóó'ánihó'núigo nihił bééhózin doo? "Diyin ayóó'ó'óní át'é. Ch'il bílátah hózhóón ąą ádaanéehgo dóó t'oh nidanise'go t'áá ałtso bikáa'gi bibee ayóó'ó'óni' bee bik'e'ashchı nahalin. Tsıdii danizhónı'ígíí bił dahózhóogo ádaanıgo, ch'il bílátah dahózhóón nıłch'i nizhónıgo halchin áyóosingo, nídıshchı'ı danineezıgıı yıłk'id bee dootł'izhgo – díí t'áá ałtso Diyin hazhó'ó nihaa

and the tall green trees of the forest remind us that He wants to make His children happy" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 4).

"Disobedience brought sadness and death. Yet God showed His love even when sin was causing suffering. The Bible says that God cursed the ground for the good of human beings (Genesis 3:17). He permitted thorns and weeds to grow. He allowed trials and troubles to fill people's lives with work and care. These troubles were to help lift men and women out of the ruin and shame caused by sin. But this sinful world is not all sorrow and pain. Nature itself gives us messages of hope and comfort. Flowers grow on the weeds, and roses cover the thorns" (*Steps to Jesus*, pp. 3-4). So God shows that He loves us by the things He has made.

We can also see this love in the Bible. There we are told that God is "compassionate and kind, slow to anger and

áhályánígíí, dóó bíla'ashdla'ii niidlíinii nihíł dahózhóq dooleeł laanaa nízínígíí, bee bééhózin lá" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 4).

"Diyin bibee haz'áanii – ayóó'ó'óní yee has'áanii – doo bik'eh hól'ínígíí biniinaa yíníł dóó anoonééł hazlǫ́. Áko nidi, azhá baqahági ájiidzaa dóó ti'hojooznii' nidi, Diyin éi bibee ayóó'ó'ó'ni' íshjání íł'í. Niniinaa ni' hóyée'go bá ha'oodzǫ́, ní Diyin God (Genesis 3:17). Hosh danilínígíí, ch'il deeníinii ał'aa ádaat'ėii, t'áa altsogóo nidanise'. Díi ch'il ha'nínęę yíníł nijgháago yił aheeł'ė nahalin. Azhá ti'hoo'níh bee jíyáa nidi Diyin ba'jólíigo, doo yá'adaat'ėehii éi doodago adáhonooníł ni'íłchxóqhii bits'ázhdoogaałgo át'ė. Díi nahasdzáan, baqahági át'ėii bii' hólóq nidi, doo t'áa altsojǫ́ yíníł dóó ti'hoo'níh át'ėe da. Nahasdzáan yee hadít'ėii nijłkaahgo bee hasihgo nitsínáadzıkees dóó chánah náájıdlǫ́ łeh. Hosh bílátah hózhóon dahóló, dóó chóq wolyėii éi biwosh hólóq nidi bílátahí nizhónigo yee hadít'ė" (*Steps to Jesus*, pp. 3-4). Áko Diyin nihá íyiilaaígíí bibee ayóó'ó'ó'ni' bee bééhózin łeh.

Diyin Bizaad t'áa át'ė bii' ak'e'ashchínígíí Diyin bibee ayóó'ó'ó'ni' nihich'ı' íshjání íł'í. Kónigo áni: "Bóhólníihii, Bóhólníihii, éi Diyin God nilǫ́go aa a'áah nízinii áádóó

abounding in mercy and faithfulness" (Exodus 34:6, MLB). To help us understand better, God uses the illustration of a mother's love: "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you" (Isaiah 49:15)!

In the New Testament Paul says: "And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3:17-19). And so the Bible tells about God's love.

God shows that He loves us by the things He has made. (Read Rom 1:20.) The Bible also tells about God's love. These things should be clear enough, but God did one more thing to make absolutely sure we would understand. He sent

jooba'ii áádóó nizaadgóó ha'ólníinii áádóó ts'ídá ląągo bibee ajooba' índa bit'áá aaníinii hólóonii" (Exodus 34:6). Diyin ákót'éego ájt'éé lá, nihiłní. T'áá náás nizhónigo bik'ináada'diitíł biniyé amá be'awée' ayóó'áyó'nínígíi yaa halne': "Da' asdzáníish be'awée' biłt'o'ii t'áá yeidiyoonah, áko biyáázh yishchíiniish doo yaa a'ááh nízín da? Aoo', éi shíi yaa deidiyoonah, nidi shí éi ts'ídá doo neidiyeeshnah da" (Isaiah 49:15).

Bee'aha'deet'á Ániidíi yiyi'dóó Paul áni: "Atł'ááh nástł'in nahalingo danoldzil doogo nihá sodiszin, áko Christ bibee ayóó'ó'ó'ni' ániłtéelgi, ániłnéezgi, dego ániłtsogi índa íidéetąą'gi Diyin God bidiyíi' t'áá áltso bił baa ákodanohsin doo. Áádóó Christ bibee ayóó'ó'ó'ni' ił ééhósin yilááh neel'áanii nihił béedahodooziłgo Diyin God t'áá áltsoni yee át'éii nihił hadidoobíłgíi bıká sodiszin" (Ephesians 3:17-19). T'áá ákót'éego Diyin Bizaad yee nihił halne'go Diyin ayóó'ánihó'ni.

Diyin God éi nahasdzáán nihá áyiilaaígíi bibee ayóó'ó'ó'ni' bee bééhózin lá, ha'ni. (Rom 1:20 yíniłta'.) Áádóó Bizaad bee ak'e'ashchínígíi ayóó'ánihó'nínígíi yaa halne'. Díidí nihił íshąą shíi nidi, Diyin God bee ééhózinii náánała' nihá ániidlaa. T'áá bí biYe' díi nahasdzáanji' niheiníł'a'go,

His Son, Jesus, to become one of us. Only through Him can we know the full extent of God's love.

"Only He who knew how high and how deep God's love was could show it. Nothing but Christ's great sacrifice for us could make known how much the Father loves sinners" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 9).

"It was the weight of sin, its terrible power to separate a sinner from God, that broke His heart. But the Son of God did not give His life to make His Father love us. He did not die to make God willing to save. No, no! 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son' (John 3:16). The Father loves us not because Christ died for us; He gave His Son to die because He loved us" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 8).

The Bible says: "Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might

biYe' jííinii éi diné dzizlǫ́'. Áko Jesus Christ beego Diyin God ayóó'ánihó'níinii ts'ídá t'áá ałtsojǫ́' nizhónigo bik'ida'-diitǫ́ł lá.

"Diyin bibee ayóó'ó'ó'ni' éi dego dóo yaago ts'ídá t'áadoo bee nízadí da. Jesus t'éiyá díi t'áá át'é bił bééhózingo, áko bí t'éiyá nihił íishjání iidoolíłgo yíneel'á" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 9).

"Baḡhági ádaat'éii hak'iildohgo índa yéego yíní biih jǫ́łtish łeh – baḡhági ádaaníłkii aTaa' yił ałts'ádeidoonił baa ákoznízingo biniinaa. T'áá íídáá' aTaa' ayóó'ánihó'níi lá. T'áá íídáá' bíla'ashdla'ii yisdáhidooltéełgo nihá yinízin. Áko aTaa' doo łahgo át'éego nihaa tsínáádookos át'éé da. Jesus doo éi yiniyé daaztsáa da łaa. Ts'ídá dooda! 'Háálá Diyin God éi nihokáá' dine'é t'áá íiyisí ayóó'ájó'núigo baḡ haYe' t'áálá'í há yizhchínígú baazhníłtǫ́' (John 3:16). ATaa' éi doo Jesus nihá daaztsánígú t'éi biniinaago ayóó'ánihó'nú da; t'áá íiyisí ayóó'ánihó'núigo biniinaa, biYe' Jesus niheiníł'a' – nihá dazdootsaał biniyé" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 8).

Diyin Bizaad ání: "Jó, diné ts'ídá t'áá ákogi át'éii doo ła'da t'áá k'ad bá daaztsáa da, ákondi ła'da daats'í diné yá'át'ééh áaníłkii bá dazdootsaałji' nidi, t'áadoosti'ee

possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:7-8).

"Satan tries to make people think of God as a severe judge without pity. He says that the Creator is always watching for people to make mistakes so He can punish them. To show them that this is not true, Jesus came to live in this world. He wanted people to see God's infinite love" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 5).

The most important thing we can learn about God is that He loves us. We see God's love in nature, but sin has distorted our view. We hear about His love in the Bible, but words give a limited idea of what it is really like. God could only make His love perfectly clear by giving us His Son, Jesus.

niná'ádizhdoot'áál. Nidi t'ahdii baahági áánííí daniidlíí nít'ée' yéedáá' Christ nihá daaztsá, éí bee Diyin God yee ayóó'ánihó'níinii nihił bédahózingo áyiilaa" (Romans 5:7-8).

"Séitan éí, Diyin God bijéi nit'iz ní lá. Aa hwiinít'í t'éi bii' hóló, dóó díí shí dooleet' t'éi nízin yiłní. Díí nihíni' danilíigo nihá yinízin. Nidi nihiDiyin God doo ákót'ée da lál! Séitan ániigo, Ánihiilaii éí nida'iilzihígíí t'éi yee nihaa nitsékeesgo nihijéi neiłkaah, t'óó atínihidoolíígíí yiniyé, ní. Séitan éí ákót'éego Diyin yaa nitsékees. Díí hoł t'ée' naha-linígíí nihá nahji' kwíidoolíł biniyé, Jesus díí nahasdzáán bikáa'jji' nihaa níyá. Áko biTaa' ayóó'ánihó'níigo baa ákoda-niidzin doo. ATaa' át'éhigi át'éego nihił íshjání ídoolíł yiniyé Jesus éí yá'aashdée' nihaa níyá" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 5).

Diyin God éí bíla'ashdla'ii niidlíinii ayóó'ánihó'níí lá. Baa hwiilne'ígíí bitsáádóó lá díidí ts'ídá aláahdi át'é ni. Kóó nihitahgóó baahági át'éii biniinaa t'óó bahoo'ih nidi, nahasdzáán dóó yee hadadít'éii Diyin bibee ayóó'ó'ó'ni' yit'íní ádeile'. Bíla'ashdla'ii dabizaad ał'aa ádaat'éhígíí díí doo t'áá ałtsoji' bee ak'izh'diitijh da. Áko Diyin bibee ayóó'ó'ó'ni' ts'ídá t'áá ałtsoji' nihił íshjání ídoolíł yiniyé biYe' Jesus niheiníł'a'.

God loved you so much that He gave Jesus for you. He is your Friend if you will accept Him. Right now say: Father, I accept your Son Jesus as my Friend and Savior. My life is not what I want it to be. I believe you can help me. Thank you, in Jesus name.

God will give you whatever help you need most, because He loves you.

Diyin t'áá iiyisí ayóó'ánó'núigo biniinaa Jesus t'áá ni neiní'a' lá. Áko íinínízingo Jesus éi ni dooleeł. T'áá k'ad Diyin God ákóbidinúigo bich'į' sodílzin: ShiTaa' nílíinii, yá'aashdi honíloonii, Jesus éi shí dooleeł nisin. T'áá éi t'eiya yisdáshidoołteełgo yíneel'ą baa ákonisin. Íídąą' baa niséyahígíí ła' doo ákóne' ádaat'ée da. Áko nidi shíł bééhózingo shíká adíılwołgo bíninil'ą. Shá íinidzaaígíí baa ahééh nisin. Jesus Christ bízhi' bee t'áá ákót'ée doo.

Áko bíiníkeedgo Diyin God éi níká adoolwoł, ts'ídá ayóó'ánó'nínígíí biniinaa.