

Chapter 2

You Need God

In our last chapter we said that God loves you. This is the one most important thing you can learn from reading the Bible. The second is that you need God.

When God made the first man and first woman, they were perfect. They enjoyed talking to God. Earth was in harmony with heaven. "But after they sinned, they did not find happiness in being holy, and they tried to hide from God. Sinners today do the same. Because they do not love the things God loves, they do not enjoy being with Him or talking to Him in prayer. If God let them enter heaven, they would not be happy there. They would not enjoy being with God or spending time with the holy angels" (*Steps to Jesus*, pp. 11-12).

Paul says: "The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Corinthians 2:14).

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Diyin Bídin Nílí

Áłtsé wólta'ii dayíníilta'ąa biyi'dóó, Diyin ayóó-
'ánó'ní, nihi'doo'niid. Díí éí Diyin God Bizaad biyi'dóó baa
dahane'ígíí ts'ídá aláahdi át'é. Naaki góne'ígíí éí, Diyin God
bídin nílí.

Diyin God éí Áłtsé Hastiin dóó Áłtsé Asdzáą ájiilaago
bijéí ba'át'e' ádingo naa'aash nít'ée', dóó Diyin yił ahił
nahalne'go yíneedlį́ nít'ée'. Yidísingo Diyin God yináát
naa'aash dóó yił aheelt'éego nitsékees nít'ée'. "Áko nidi
baąhági ádzaadóó bik'iji' ts'ídá t'áa akogi át'ėii doo bił
yá'át'ėeh da silį́', áadóó Diyin God bits'ąa nídíneest'į́'. Díish
jį́góó t'ah nidi éigi akódaniit'é. Diyin doo bił aheelt'éego baa
nitsídeiikeesgo dasiidlį́', áko bí éí nihił naakaiígíí doo nihił
danizhóní da łeh" (*Steps to Jesus*, pp. 11-12).

Paul ání: "Nidi Níłch'i Diyinii doo hwii' hólóonii éí
Diyin God biNíłch'i Diyinii yee ak'ijidlį́i doo hwee haleeh
da. Éí t'áa ádzaaí át'é jinízin, áko doo hoł bééhoozį́' át'ėe da,
háalá éí Níłch'i Diyinii k'ehgo ak'izhdiitąa'go t'ėiyá t'áa yíní
át'ėii hoł bééhodoozį́'" (1 Corinthians 2:14). "Háalá ts'ísee

"The sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so" (Romans 8:7).

Without Christ, trying to be a better person won't work. It can't work. "Education, good manners, and willpower all have their place in helping us to do right things. But they cannot change our hearts and make our lives pure. Only a new life from above, a power working inside us, can change us from being sinful to being holy. That power is Christ. His grace alone can give life to our dead souls and draw us to God and holiness" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 13).

God does these things for us. We are completely helpless without Him. Instead of us searching for Him, He searches for us. This shows us two things – God's great love for us, and our great need for Him. It's not just difficult to be saved on our own, it's impossible.

k'ehgo nidzinii éi Diyin God ye'ana'í nilí; éi Diyin God yee has'aanii doo yíhólníih da, t'áá aaníi doo óone' át'ée da" (Romans 8:7).

Christ éi t'áá géedgo, t'áá ákogi ánísh't'ée dooleet jinízingo nidi, doo bízhnéel'áa da. "Íhoo'aah, k'é hwiindzin, ts'ídá nizhónigo naasháa dooleet jinínígíí, índa bíká ájít'íní, díí t'áá altso yá'adaat'ééh, nidi t'áá hó hwe'adziil éi doo bíighah da lá. Kót'éego baa nijgháago nidi, doo lahgo át'éego baa nitsídzikees da. Diyin éi diné bijéit'áahdi hanitsékeesígíí bidziilgo yinaalnishgo t'ei bíighah, áko yá'aashd'éé' ániid iinánígíí hwee hólóo doo. T'áá ákót'éego t'eyá diné ła' baahági ájít'éhéę ts'ídá yá'ájít'ééh jidooleet. Hajéi bidziilgo yinaalishii éi Jesus át'í. Áko Diyin bibee ajooba' beego, hajéi baahági át'eií bíł daaztsá nahalinígíí hiná ánéidoodlíilgo át'é. Áko Diyin God dóo ts'ídá t'áá ákogi ádaat'éhígíí hoł nizhóni jileeh" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 13).

Diyin God díí t'áá altsoní nihá áyiilaa. Áko ts'ídá t'áá altsoní binahjí' bídin daniidlí. Nihí doo Diyin hádadínít'íí' da; Diyin éi nihá hánihidées'íí'. Díí kóo baa hane'ígíí naaki t'áá haz'áago ááhyiłní: Diyin ayóó'ánihó'ní, dóo ayóo bídin daniidlí – díí t'áá álah. Bee yisdáhidiikahii ádin, Jesus t'eyá. Jesus t'áá géedgo doo ła' yisdázhdoogáí da.

Without Christ we wouldn't want salvation. And if we did want it we wouldn't have any way to get it. The trouble is not that we try too little. Being saved by wanting or by trying is simply impossible. There's no way to do it.

Then how can anyone ever be saved? Through Jesus. By accepting Jesus as your Savior from sin you can have salvation as a free gift. God will simply give it to you, because of Jesus. "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

If we look for help anywhere else we won't find it. God has only given us one way to be saved. But then how many ways do we need? "God has a deep interest in His earthly children. His love for us is stronger than any other power. In giving up His Son, God has poured out to us all heaven in one gift" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 16).

Jesus t'áá géedgo, yisdánízhdoodáígíí nidi doo jinízin da leh. Áádóó t'áá shí yisdá'ádideeshléél jinízingo shíí, doo bízhneel'áa da. Yisdá'iildééh bíká dzooldziłgi bi'oshneel-ánígíí doo bíghah da. Diné ła' t'áá hó binijlnishígíí bee yisdázhdoogáígíí éi doo éi át'ée da. Ts'ídá doo bohónéedzáa da.

Ákohgoósh haléit'éego bee yisdázhdoogáál lá? Jesus beego t'éiyá. Jesus Yisdá'iiníígíí bídin daniidlí. Diné ła' Jesus wooshdlá dóó k'ad kodóó ba'íiníshkíi dooleel jiníigo, t'áá k'ad yisdázhdoogáál lá – t'áadoo báh ílínígóó, ts'ídá t'áá jíik'e. Jesus t'éi beego aTaa' éi iiná hweidooléél. "Náánáła' bee yisdá'doodáaii doo nááhódlọ da, háála yádiłhił biyaagi yízhí náánáła' bee yisdáhiikáah dooleeli ts'ídá doo ła' nihokáá' dine'é baa náádeet'áa da" (Acts 4:12).

Ts'ídá nááná ła' háiida binahjí' yisdázhdoogáígíí doo nááhódlọ da. Jesus t'éi bee yisdá'iildééh lá. Nidi díí t'ah náábílahíjí' ha'át'íishá' ałdó' bídin náájídlí doo? "Diyin éi ts'ídá ayóó'ánihó'níigo nihaa nitsékees. Bibee ayóó'ó'ó'ni' azhá aninéhígíí nidi biláahgo bidziil. BiYe' Jesus Christ nihá ninéidiní'ánígíí binahjí'go yá'aashdi hólónígíí t'áá ałtso nihaidiní'áago át'é" (*Steps to Jesus*, p. 16).

Nothing can stop you from accepting God's Gift. No sin you have done, no mistake you have made can stand in the way of your accepting Jesus and His accepting you. If you haven't come to Him already, do it now. Say, Father, I see that I need you. I can't save myself by anything I do. Give me life and salvation because of Your Son, Jesus. Thank you for doing this in Jesus' name.

Díí nihaidiní'ánígíí niidzingogo ts'ídá t'áadoo yinóoł-
tł'ahí da. Baąhági át'éii ła'í baa nijiyá dóó ni'jiiłih nidi Jesus
be'ayóó'ó'ó'ni' yee náhwidoosaalgo át'ée lá. Jesus nich'į'
yeidle'e'ígíí t'ah doo nídiilée'góogo k'ad níhíkeedgo ádiih
nilyé. Bee ádíní doole'e'ígíí éi: ShiTaa', yá'aashdi honíloonii,
k'ad éi nídin nishłínígíí baa ákonisin. Shił bééhózingo doo
t'áá shí she'adziil bee yisdádeesháál át'ée da. Iiná dóó
yisdá'iildééh shaa dííléél, Jesus Christ bízhi' biníká góne'.
Níínishkeedígíí t'áá altso shá be'iinilaagíí baa ahééh nisin.