

CHURCH DISCIPLINE

(Houbung Sunga kigotna - dan)

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Houbung hin kivaihomna (Administration) angaichan, hiche kivaihomna jat tampi lah'a "Church Discipline" (houbung sunga kigotna dan/vetna kikoi) hi khat ahi. Church Discipline hi mihem/Houbung mi khat polama koina maimai hilouvin, New Testament Houbung natohna (ministry) lah'a thupi pen khat ahi.

Theron D.Prince in, Houbung hi a Pakai pa Thenna (holiness) kikoppi (shared) dingle tahlang dinga kou ahi. Bible'a hiche thenna hi Houbung kinthengho (holy ritual) le kintheng natong dinga thenso lamkai (Ordain leaders) hoding goh'a kisei hilouvin Houbung mipi jouse dinga kisei ahi. SL Greenlade in ase i bangin hiche hin 'atheng dinga kikatdoh (consecration) le thenna hinkho man (sanctification) ahopmin ahi.¹ (Duke K.Mecall. Cit. What is the Church Broadman Press Nashville Tennessee, p.164.

Hijeh'a chu Church Discipline hi khohtah ahin, Houbung hi akoupa athen banga athen ngai ahi. Houbung hi athuhil (doctrine) athen angaijin, a member ho athen angaijin, chuleh asunga kiloikhomho kipumkhat angaijin ahi. Houbung hin thuhil thenglou, chonset le kikhentelna adoudal angaijin ahi. Houbung sunga kigotna/Church discipline hi juitei tei ahiloule bol teitei angaijin, ahin, hiche hi ngailutna neitah'a bol ding ahi. Ajeh chu hiche hi Houbung sunga chonsepa/nu dinga alungheina dinga phat kipe chu ahi.

Church discipline chung changa thuneina le achabi hi Houlamkai (Ordain Minister) ho ding seh'a kipe hilouvin, Hiche hi Houbung member ho thaneina ahijon, amaho phatsahna dungjuia Houlamkai chu atongding/asulha dinga ngansena thaneina kipe ahi (Thomas C. Odin, Corrective Love Concordia Publishing house, Saint Louis, p.31)

Houbung natoh ding chu Thenna hi hatah'a atosot/anungdel ding ahin, asunga member dihlu, athenglou le miphalthem aumlaise'a thengthei louding ahi. Alah'a chu athenglou aumleh a kismphatna ding chu akinepna natoh hiding ahi. Houbung chu Lhagaova adima Pathen dungchan aphah theina diu lampi chu a member hon alamkaipau Pakai Jesu dung asun diu chu ahi.

Church Discipline hi Pastoral Theology le Pastor natoh ahito lhonna, Pastor/houlamkai chu thuhil le Pathen milungsetna thu seiphong ding maimai hilouva; Houbung member ho vesuiding (watchman), chinghoi kaihoi le achunguva hoitah'a vaihom ding hi ngai ahi. Pastor/houbung lamkai natoh ding chu ahoubung miten Pathen thu angaijuva Pathen danthu toh kitoh'a hinkho amantheina diuva abolthei chan abolding chu ahin, hiche chung chonna chu Houbung danto kitoh louva chon, danpo'a koithei lom ho chu danpo'a aumtheina dinguva Church Discipline hi jui (exercise) ngai ahi. (John H.C. Fritz Pastoral Theology Concordia Publishing House, Saint Louis p.227)

Church Discipline hi Christian lunggel thuhneiho (philosopher) le Theologian ho lunggela kon hungpotdoh'a asem thu'u hilouvin, Hiche hi thupeh, Pathen thupeh, Houbung

lhagao thu'a kipuihoi theina dinga ngaikhoh (Mtt.18:15-17) chu ahi. Pathen thupeh ahito lhonna hichehi jui ngai ahi. Ahin aphot, amun (situation) to kitoh'a geltoh'a, juija, manchah ngai ahin; ajeh, apol kicheh tah'a hetchet ahitheina dinga kinotah'a boljeng louva khongai jepji jong angaije (Ibid, p.228) Hijeh'a chu Church Discipline hi Christian Doctrine khat ahito lhonna nahsah louva koilouding ahi.

DIFINITION (Hilchetna)

1. CHURCH (Houbung)

English paova '*Church/houbung*' kiti hi Greek (Adjective) *Kyriakos* a kon kiladoh, *Kyriakon doma* ahiloule *Kyriaki Oikia* kiti "*Pakai Inn*" (the Lord's house) tichu '*Christian ho houkhomna mun*' (Christian place of worship) tina ahi. Ahin New Testament in houbung/church atiteng Greek pao *Ekklesia* a kon kila '*Christian kiloikhom ho*' aseina ahin, Inn (building) kiseinan akimang ngaipei. (J.D Douglas et.al. *New Bible Dictionary* Inter-Versity Press, England, p.205).

Alban Douglas'in Houbung ahilchetna'a Houbung/Church kiti thucheng hi Greek thucheng *Ecclesia* a kon kiladoh 'munkhatna kon kikoudoh (to call out from)' atina ahin, Christian ho chu leisetna kon Christa'a dinga koudoh hiuva ahi. Houbung tihi munkhatna tahsan kiloikhomho aseina jong ahin, vannoi Christian kiloikhom seinah jong ahi. Douglas'in Houbung hi ni (2): Muthei Houbung (visible Church) – Leiset houbung kiloikhomna'a amin um; chule Mutheilou Houbung (invisible church) – Kelngoinou hinna lekhabu'a amin kijihlut – tin akhenin ahi. (Alban Douglas *One Hundred Bible Lesson* OMF Literature Inc, Mandaluyang, Metro Manila, p.345).

Houbung hi Pathen thilsemthah (New Creation) ahin, lhatdamna changlou mihonpi lah'a mihem thah ahiuve. Christa leisetna ahungpen suhjaosuhlet na ahin, Amatah tahsa chu Pathen lhatdamna natoh suhbulhitna chuleh Houbung hi mihem thusima hetdinga "Pathen lenggam" ahi. (Duke K.Mc Call *What is the Church* Broadman Press, Nashville Tennessee, p.813).

Hebrew thucheng *Qahal* hi Greek thucheng *Ekklesia* to kilou (similar) ahin, hichun 'akikoukhom/akiloikhom dinga koukhom' (call together/convoke) atina, chule *Yahweh Qahal* tihin 'Yahweh a dinga kiloikhom' atina ahi. ⁸ (Ibid, p.31)

Houbung hi akilhengdoh ho kiloikhomna, Pathen Lhagaovin alhendoh'a akoukhom ho, Tahsanho kiloikhom tina ahi. Houbung hi mihonpi kithejal Christa'a Pathen khatseh houho; tahsanna Baptisma chana podoh; akipum khatnao thuhil (doctrine) 'a vetsah; akingailutnao Pakai anjon na podoh; Pathen thu'a umjing; chule Pathen thu hilhanga aumna dinga Christian aphudoh chondan/natoh (ministry) juijing ho ahiuve.

Hijehchun Houbung hi; 'Pathen mite, Christa tahsa, tahsan kiloikhom ho, Christa Jesu a kiloikhomho, Lhagaothengin aphudoh' chu ahi.

2. CHURCH DISCIPLINE (Houbung sunga kigotna)

Discipline tihi achom lama seidingin: kichuhna (training) ahiloule eima chang kitim (self control) puma hin, Thumanna hinkho manna dinga kitim puma kichuhna (training) nei, gotna peh, suhdihna etc. tina ahi. Houbung to kisaija, Houbung sunga mihon chonchan hoi apohdohna ding le thilpha sona dinga jepna/gotna kipe sein ahi. (Alban Douglas *One Hundred Bible Lesson* OMF Literature Inc, Mandaluyang, Metro Manila, p.315).

Alangkhatna Church Discipline hi Houbung sunga kon phat chomkhatna dinga paidoh (suspension): phat chomkhat sunga dinga Pakai Anjon na'a ajaoding phal hilou/jahda tin jong akihei.

Ahin Church Discipline hi Houbung thuhil (doctrine) lah'a nahsah louva kikoi pen khat ahi nome. Hichehi lhangpi tahsa'a kiloikhomna hotoh kibanga gel ahijeh ahinome. Insung, School, Government office le Houbung ho'a thuneina bulhinle le gotna lhahsam hi imalam jouse'a lhahsuhna ahi. Bible tahsan Houbung mite hi leiset kivaipohna'a tobang ahilou ngai ahi. (Jackson R.Paul *The Doctrine of Administration of the Church Regular* Baptist Press, Schaumburg, Illinois, p.68).

Gotna kipelah'a alhangpi'a kibol pentah chu; alung ahin heija Houbung mipi anga achonset apondoh theina dinga Houbung mi ahina'a kon paidoh/lahdoh hi ahi. Hiche Church Discipline hi Houbung masaho khang lai ja Houbung member thah hon Pathen deibang hinkho aman theina dinguva kismephatna dinga phatah anahi. Hiche hi chonset bolho ding goh'a pha hilouvin Houbung dinga jong phatah ahi.

Gotnapeh/danpo'a koi hi Houbung minphatna/thenna chu asunga member khatnin asuhset/asuhboh louna dinga bol hiji'a ahin, Houbung suhtengna ahi. Khaotah le dihtah'a gotna (discipline) kipeh hin Houbung miho tahsanna chu Christa'a agui/ajung aphu detsah'e. Hijeh chun Church Discipline hi Houbung ahina ding doltah'a achetheina dinga thupi le poimotah ahi.

2.1 GOTNA/DISCIPLINE HI BIBLE TO KITOH A BOL ANGAJE: TS Soltan in "Church Discipline hi Bible dungjuija kisuh tah'a imanchah le Houbung mipi lhagao hinkho'a dinga phachom tah chuleh Houbung kitup tah'a achen a dinga kithopi phatah ahi. Ahin gotna hi thilni doi puma bol angaije. Hichu: Christian hinkho le Houbung ahina ding doltah'a ache hoina ding, chule alhamangpa/nu chu Christa kelngoi hongkot sunga puilutna aumkit theina ding ahi angaije" ati.

Thilphalou bolkhat chu Houbung gotna akipeh teng member dangho chun hiche gotna achanlona chonsetna chu agingun, Christian hinkho hoitah in amang theijui. Ahin suhmil louding chu discipline hi gotna kipe chonsetbolpa/nu huhdohna dinga kibol ahin, hijeh chun counseling boljing ding, Pathen thu hiljing ding, taona manpi jing puma Christa lampi'a hinlepui kitding hi ahi. Houbung hin athenna hi atuhdet jom jinga, Pathen chate kiloikhom ahiuto lhona achehoi jingna dinga gotna kipe dan hi ajui tei angaijin, thilpa sodohna ahi teitei ding angaije. Chonse khat chu Pathen majja achonset hetdoh sah'a chule Kelngoi hongkot sunga chu alutkit theina dinga alung aheija, Pathen le mipi anga

athemona aphonduu chu hetsah angaijin ahi. (Lolly R.R *The Baptist Church in Manipur* Imphal, Modern printer, MG Avenue, p.129).

2.2 DISCIPLINE IN THE EARLY CHURCH (Houbung masaho khanglaija gotna): NT sunga dinga Discipline to kisaija Bible chang thupi pen chu Mtt.18:15-18 hi ahin, Chule Solchah ho khang Houbung hon hiche thuhil anajuiju vetkahna chu I Cor. 5 le 2 Cor. 2:4-8 na'a akimun ahi. Hiche changho'a kon mudoh thei chu:

2.2.1 Discipline/gotna peh dinghi ngailutna'a bol angaijin ahi. Paul mingailutna le Houbung angailut jalchun Hiche chonset le chonset bolpa chung a chun khaotah'a mochanna anei jin (v.4), ahin hiche thutanna chu changval moh lunggel lhahna hilouvin sunglanga ngailutna jalla thutanna ahijon ahi (v.5).

2.2.2 Discipline hi mohbol jeng ding hilouvin, chonset bolpa/nu chu hoitah'a ahung kinunglekit na ding ahijoi. Ahin hiche hi penance (thilsebol lekhuna ding/suhbeina dinga eima le eima gotna kipe) tia kibol tobang hilou ahi. Gotna kipe in atup pentah chu alhamangpa/nu lechan kit ding chu ahi angaije (v.6&7).

2.2.3 Chonset bol jeh'a gotna kipe khat chun alung ahei ja ahung kinungle teng Agape ngailutna a suhdet/lahlut angaije. Amapa/nu chung a chu achesa jeh'a lung sa'ih na le ginmona neilouhel le engbolnom/hotna lhagao lungthim neitah lou ding ahi (v.8)

2.2.4 Hiche Discipline hi Houbung mi in abolding ahi. Hiche bol ding mongmonga tohmun nei lamkai tum aumpoi (v.6b).

Hiche Bible chang hin lhagao toh kitoh'a gotna dan juinding dan dihtah in ahilin ahi. (Duke K.Mecall *What is the Church* Broadman Press, Nashville, Tennessee, p.167)

Houbunga mihem khat Discipline a akikoi lona jeh chu chonset le dihlouna jeh ahi. Chonse chu chonchan dihlou/phalou, kikhentel nomna lunggel/lhagao, chuleh thuhil dihlou (Thuhil lhem/dihlou tihin lhangpi tahsanna dih to kitohlouva thuhil aseina ahi) va akilang in ahi. Hichun lhagao hinkho suhatmo intin Houbung hettosahna natoh asuhlhadah ding ahi. Hijeh chun

- i. Discipline in ahop chu chonset, thuhil dihloule kikhen telna ahi.
- ii. Houbung chun jangkeija (directly) ahiloule lamkai chun houbung thalhenga Discipline natoh hi atohding ahi.
- iii. Discipline na kikoi lona pen chu engbolna hilouvin ngailutna jeh joh hiding ahi.
- iv. Discipline tup le doi chu houbung venbitna dingle achonsepa huhdoh'a aumna ding ahi.
- v. Discipline na kikoi hin chonset chung a houbung mi lunggel, tahsan chuleh Houbung hina dihtah chu atahlangin ahi.
- vi. Church Discipline dihtah'a chun chonset chung a houbung lunggel leh Pathen milungsetna achegom sah'in ahi. (Ibid. pp.166-171).

2.3 TRUE BASIS OF CHURCH DISCIPLINE (BROTHERLY ADMONITION)
Church Discipline bolding dan (sopi hina'a kitilkhau): Church Discipline kibol dingdol dihtah chu Christan Mtt. 18:15-18 na ase i banga dan chomchom (various degree) a sopi

kitilkhouna/kihilchahna hiding ahi. Hiche Christan aphudoh thupeh hi Houbung mi jouse goh hilouva lamkaijin jong ajuiding ngai ahi. Christan, “Nasopi chun nachunga chonsetna anei (ahilouleh nasopikhat chonsetna nahet) leh chenlang nang le ama kah’a gakihoucham cham lhonin” ati. Hilaija hi thilmanlutah na *lei* (tongue) chung a nathuneina le navaihomna kilang ding ahi. Na lei hoitah’a natuh tanga nasopi to naboina/nasopi guhthima chonsetna chu amato nakihoucham masang/ajah’a nasei masanga midang anga naphondoh masat louhel ding ahi. Midang khatouvin jong anahetna nasopi chonsetna chu najah’a ahungsei le japilah’a aseilouna dingin gih’in, chule ama jong chonsepa/nu henga achea agahoulimpi dingin seijin.

2.3.1 Houbung sunga member khat chun asopi khat douna’a chonset aneija, ahiloule khattouvin asopi khat Pathen deilouva achona ahetha ahileh amani chu koima hetlouvin kiphoh honhen, kismepha go honhen. Hiti’a chu chonset chun alung aheija asopin ahilna chu angaija ahileh aban chebe louva hichana chu kichai ahitan, asopi chu ahuhdoh ahitai.

2.3.2 Ijemti’a sopi le sopi kah’a kihilna le kiphona chu achonsetpa chun angailouva ahileh, asopi masanga agahil/phoh pa chun houbung member ni le thum ahetho ding kipui henlang (Deut. 19:15) avelin gahil hen gaphoh kit nalai hen. Semphat teiding gago nalai hen. Ijem ti’a hiche’a chu alung aheija ahile hichana chu kichai kitding ahitai.

2.3.3 Houbung henga lhutding ahi. Hiteng chuleh houbung member jouse le lamkaiho chun chun semphat ding agot diu, ahil theijin ahiluva aphoh theijin apho diu ahi. Chuti’a jong kismephat ding lung agel louva ahileh –

2.3.4 Lina le achaina chu amapa/nu chu houbung polama koidoh (excommunicate) ahi. Amapa/nu chu michonse le kaidongho (amahohi mijouse lah’a michavai/miphalou penpenho seina kimang ahivu) toh thakhatna simding ahitai.

Chunga kisei thudol hi guhtim ma chonset chungchang aseina ahi. Chonset chu lhangphong ahi’a, thutanpa le mipi in ahetsoh keiju ahileh, ama chu chonset neiloubanga chamilha louding ahi. Ajeh chu aman achunga jumle ja akiloikhum a houbung theng chu jalhang a asuhboh ahitan, japi chu ahetho ahi. Changvalla chonset bolpa kihoulimpi’a Christian chonna dan to kitoh’a houlim pi hi Church Discipline juina dinga lampi masapen, Christa thupeh chu ahi. (John HC Fruitz *Pastoral Theology* Concordia Publishing House, Saint Louis Mi, p.230).

2.4 NATURE OF DISCIPLINE (Gotna kipeh dan ho):

2.4.1 PHONA AHILOULE TILKHOUNA (Rebuke or admonition): Hiche hi discipline ho lah’a dan noinungpen (lowest degree) ahi. Hiche’a hin chonsepa/nu chu phona/gihna, achonset komui pehna, alungheina dinga tilkhouna, thuman na hinkho amana dinga vetsui, ahung kinungle kitna dinga taopeh, ngailutna neitah’a achunga vaihom, thina’a kon alhagao huhdoh gotna ngaikham tah le lungneng tah’a panlah, chuleh midang ho dinga kichih theina ahina ding... tiho ahop’in ahi. Mihem khat hiche dinmun lhungthei ho chu:

2.4.1.1 Asopi tahsana lhasamho lunggel sukhathai le atahsan nao kipaluhna thei ding amaho lunggel/tahsan toh kitoh lou natong/thusei. Sopi khat lhahsam na ama henga seilouva midang komma sei le;

- 2.4.1.2 Sopi khat toh kitoulouna'a kon chamna neinom lou/asopi toh kihoucham nomlou, ajeh dihlouva asopi chung a lunghanna nei/asopi muda/hehse;
- 2.4.1.3 Houbung sungle houbung mi juindinga kilom Bible chang nelkal na nei;
- 2.4.1.4 Asopi khat themona he'a ahi'a pho/gihsal/hilchah na nei nomlou;
- 2.4.1.5 Houin kaiding donlou;
- 2.4.1.6 Houkai ding donlouva pathen dang houna muna che; Tiho ahop'in ahi.

2.4.2 SUSPENSION (phatchomkhat sunga dinga houbung sunga kon paidoh): Hiche hi 'chonsetna nei mikhat achonsetna'a themo kichanho chu Houbung kiloikhomna/natoh (office) akon phat chomkhat na dinga koidoh, Pakai anjon na jaosah lou, thutan na leh vote lahna ho'a jaosah lou' na ahi. Hiche hi houbung kipumkhatna'a kon paidoh paipai hilouvin kiloikhomna'a kon chomkoi tina ahi. Hijeh'a chu suspend kibol khat chu melma'a sim ding hilouvin sopi khat banga tilkhouna neija, alung ahin hei tengle hiche gotna kipe chu kiladoh'a Houbung sunga ahinangai pa chu kilechansah kit ji ahi. Houbunga mikhat suspend kibol thei hochu:

- 2.4.2.1 Chamle lungmong tah'a um houbung suchavai/sukeh/sunohphah ho;
- 2.4.2.2 Ngailutna jala phona, tilkhouna, gihsalna le gotna akichanna chung a nahsahlouva houbunga kon kidal se teitei;
- 2.4.2.3 Asopi khat chung a alungnopmo jeh ham, ahiloule thildang jeh'a Pakai anjon nuse/dalha/jalou chule abol dinga kipe tohding donlou;
- 2.4.2.4 Thuhil dihlo hinpo doh;
- 2.4.2.5 Guhthim thu sei lele leh miseise'a kisa lunggim;
- 2.4.2.6 Natoh ding donlou mithase;
- 2.4.2.7 Thilphalou/chonsetbol ahi'a lung hinhei banga umpaikit ho. Hitobangho chu Houbungin alunghei chu dih mongmong hinam hetdohna dinga phat chomkhat suspend a koi ngai ahi.
- 2.4.2.8 Mihonkhat nin juindinga thulhun kitem ho apalkeh'a, atamjo aphahon ngailutna neitah'a abolouna diuva atilkhounao nahsah louva koiho.

2.4.3 EXCOMMUNICATION (Paidoh): Hiche hi Church Discipline lah'a asangpen, thupi tah, tijat umtah le gimneitah, ngaikhohtah, Houbungin ahetchetna ajuiding chu ahi. Suspend na kikoi mikhat chu alungtah teiteija, houchampi mohel ahi'a, Houbungin alung ahin heina dinga sotah anga nunga alung ahei louva ahileh; Houbunga kon a'itih'a dinga paidoh paipai ding ahitai. Hiche hi Houbung thutanna (judicial act) ahin, hichu Christa thaneina'a Houbung mi hiding kilomlou khat chu Houbung kipum khatna'a kon le kiloikhomna'a kon kipaidoh paipai, Houbung sunga athaneina le achanvou kilah mangpeh na ahi. Excommunication chang dinga lom ho chu chonsetna lentah chung a themmo kichan ho ahieve. Hiche gotna chang ding lomho chu: Achonsepa/nu'a kon lungheina dihtah akimu loule

- 2.4.3.1 Danthu som (10 commandment) to kikal chonsetna nei.
- 2.4.3.2 Pathen danthu toh kibang mihem danthu in chonse ahi ti'a gotna apeh ho,
- 2.4.3.3 Houbung chu japi musit, nahsahmo le noise'a aumna thei dinga natong/chonsetna neiho. (Duke K. Mc Call *What is the Church*, pp.177-180)

Houbung discipline hin doi ni aneijin: amasa chu Christa danthu to kitoh'a Houbung miho lahlut le paidoh (admission & exclusion) ahitheina ding ahin, anina a Christa danthu to kitoh'a Houbung miho lhagao lama akiril khou uva thumanna hinkho aman nadiu ahi.

Hiche hi anilhona doi sangtah anei lhonin, hichu Jesu Christa Houbung hin thenna hinkho aman jom jingna ding ahi. (L.Berkhof *Systematic Theology* Will B.Eerdman Publishing co. Machigan p.941)

CONCLUSION

Church Discipline bolding/umchan dingdan hi hunam'a bolding hilouvin nengle kanga hetthemsah toh tho'a bolding ahi. Discipline hi Christan Houbung hi atheng ahina ding goh'a afeh hilouvin Chonset bolpa/nu in lhagao lama phatchomna aneina dinga afeh ahi. Hijeh chun Discipline in atup pipen ding chu alhamangpa/nu chu ahung dindoh kitna dinga Lhagaova lungneng tah puma phohdoh ding got ding chu ahi. Thilpha asodoh natei dinga bolding ahi. (Thomas C.Oden *Corrective Love* CPH Saint Louis, p.83)

Church Discipline hi Christa le solchah hon juitei dinga afeh'u dan/kin ahijeng vangin, tulai houbung tapi hin dihtah'in kijuihen hileh member lhom khante, khat lunghang khante, kachunga khat lhase khante, houbung sum le pai lhasam khante... ti gin na'in ajui ngam tapouvin ahi. Christan aphudoh houbunghi Christa banga hansan ngai ahi. Hijeh'a chu Church Discipline hi hi Houbung phatna ding, khantouna ding, ahina doltah'a achena ding ahito lhona jui teitei ding ahi. Houbung thuhil (doctrine) dang sanga neojo ahilou jeh'in Church Discipline hi nahsah mo le notthap a bollou ding ahi.