

The pastor and martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer expressed in a classic and unforgettable way the distinction between mere church goers in pretty Churches and true disciples.

Cheap grace is the deadly enemy of our Church.....

Cheap grace means grace sold on the market

.....The sacraments, the forgiveness of sin, and

The consolations of religion are thrown away at cut prices.

Grace is represented as the Church's inexhaustible treasury, from which she showers blessings with generous hands, without Asking questions or fixing limits. Grace without price; grace without costs!.... Cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves.

Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession.....Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.....

Costly grace is the Gospel, which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a person must knock. Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son.

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