





# HALF TRUTHS

GOSPEL CLARITY IN A NOISY WORLD

**LOVE  
EQUALS  
AGREEMENT**

**HALF**

**IDENTITY  
IS A SECRET  
PUZZLE**

**SUFFERING IS  
MEANINGLESS**

**CONTROL  
IS THE  
GOAL**

**MONEY  
WILL FIX  
THIS**

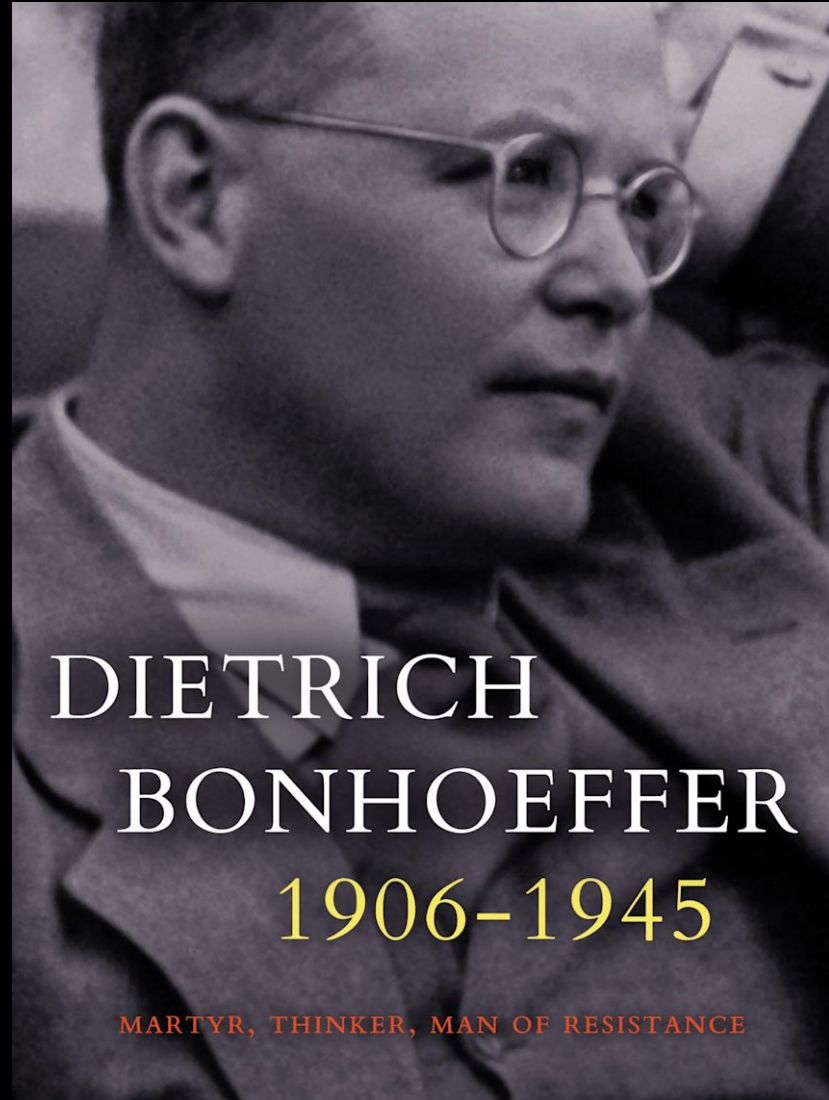
**CHEAP  
GRACE**

**TRUTHS**

**BE  
PERFECT**

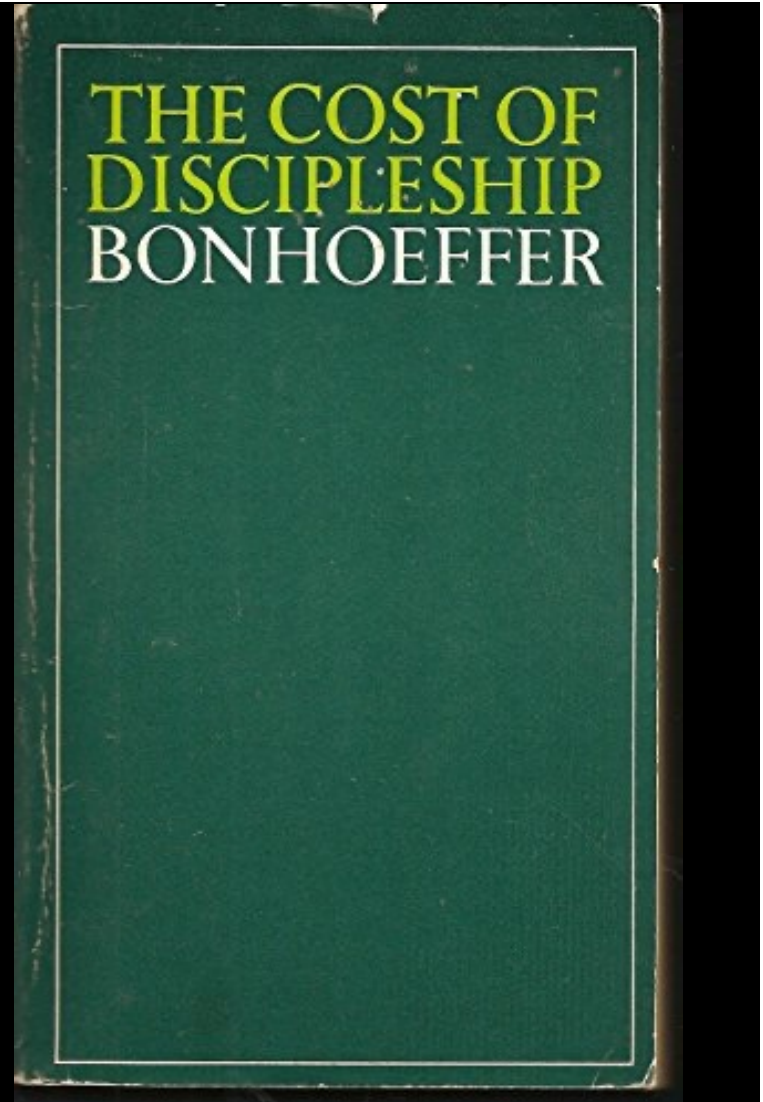
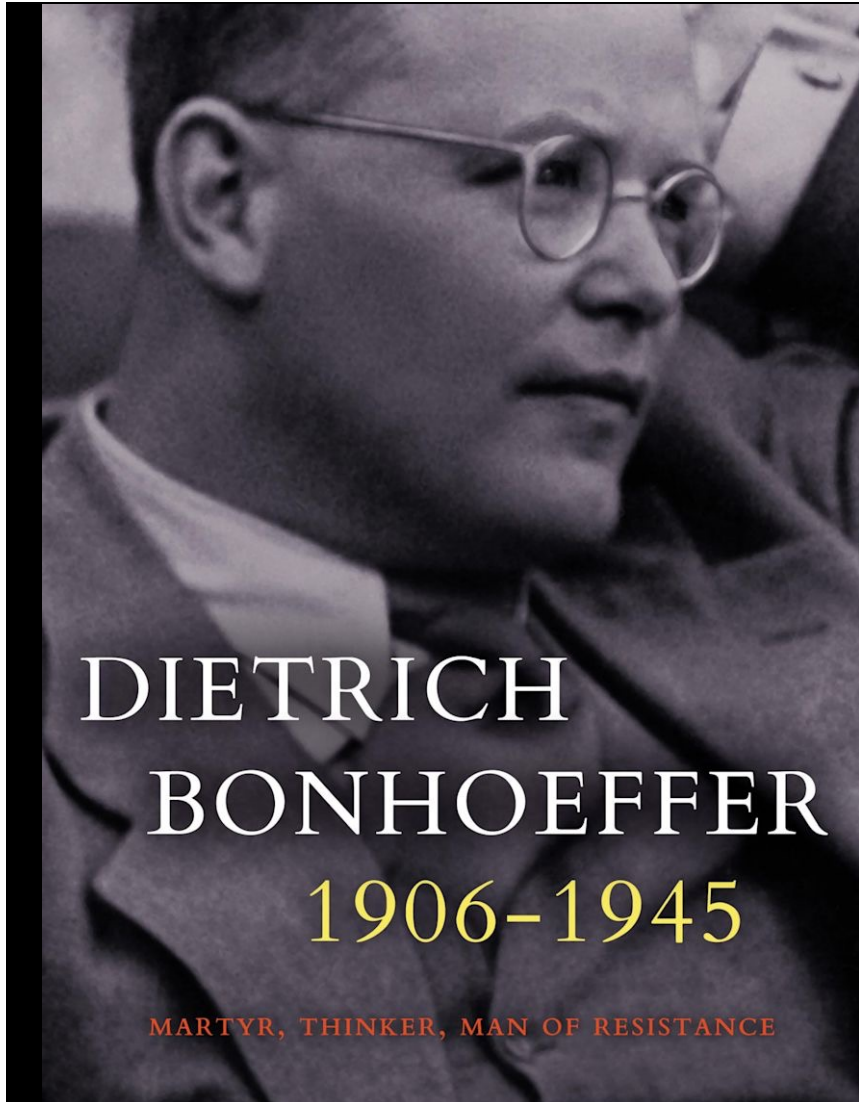
**WHAT IS  
CHEAP GRACE?**



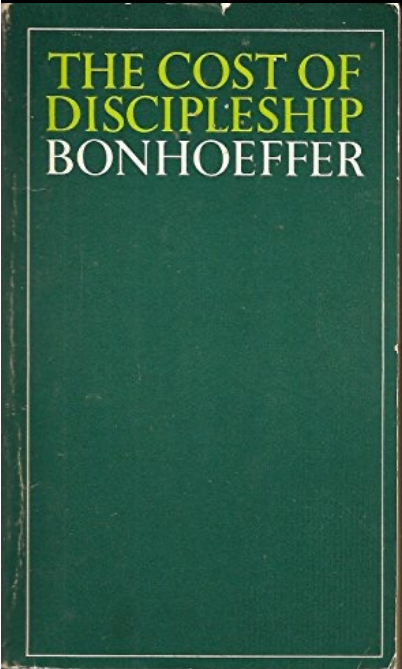


DIETRICH  
BONHOEFFER  
1906-1945

MARTYR, THINKER, MAN OF RESISTANCE



Cheap grace means grace sold on the market like cheapjacks' wares. 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 cost! The essence of grace, we suppose, is that the account has been paid in advance; and, because it has been paid, everything can be had for nothing. Since the cost was infinite, the possibilities of using and spending it are infinite...

The image shows the front cover of the book 'The Cost of Discipleship' by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The cover is a dark green color with a thin white border. The title and author's name are printed in a gold or yellow serif font in the upper left corner.

THE COST OF  
DISCIPLESHIP  
BONHOEFFER

Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline,

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BONHOEFFER

Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*



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*Community Chest*

**GET OUT  
OF JAIL FREE**



**THIS CARD MAY BE KEPT UNTIL NEEDED, OR SOLD**

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1. What part of this is true?

2. What's not true here?

3. Great... How do I live, then?

A close-up photograph of a piece of brown, textured cardboard. A horizontal hole has been torn through the center of the cardboard. The word "TRUTH" is printed in a bold, black, serif font on a white rectangular background that is visible through the hole. To the left of the hole, a small, cylindrical piece of the cardboard has been torn off and is standing upright, partially overlapping the edge of the hole. The lighting is even, highlighting the fibrous texture of the cardboard and the sharp edges of the tear.

**TRUTH**

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<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
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<sup>6</sup>You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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<sup>9</sup>Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! <sup>10</sup>For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

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“It seems a small matter to mingle the Law and Gospel, faith and works, but it creates more mischief than man’s brain can conceive. To mix Law and Gospel not only clouds the knowledge of grace, but it also cuts out Christ altogether.

~ Martin Luther, *Commentary on the Epistle to the Galatians* (Kindle Locations 332-334).



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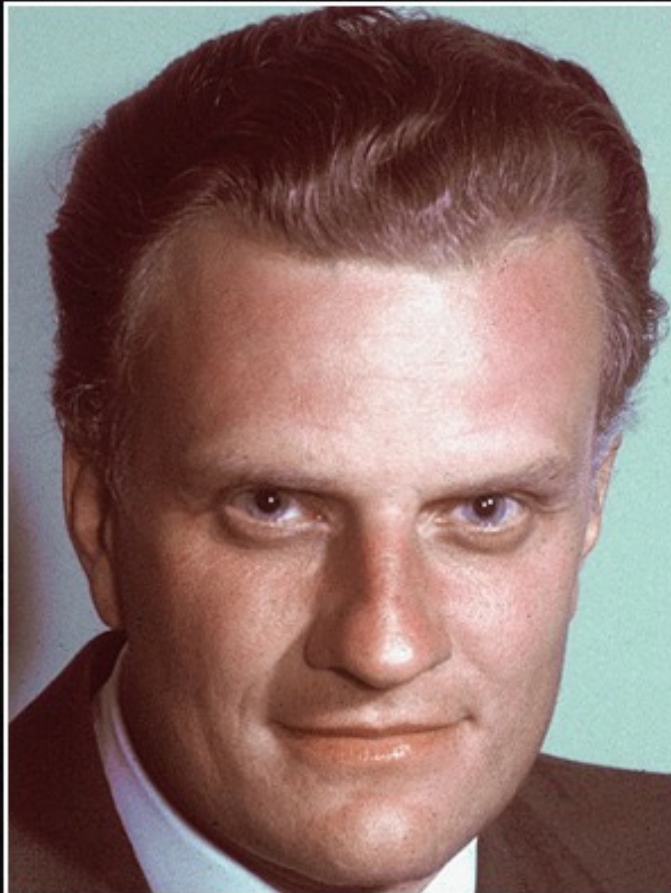
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Christ did not suffer and die to offer cheap grace. Jesus did not go willingly to the cross so we could have an easy life or offer a faith built on easy-believism. As someone once said, 'Salvation is free, but not cheap.' It cost Jesus His life.

— *Billy Graham* —

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<sup>1</sup>What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup>By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? <sup>3</sup>Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

**Christianity is not only a Transaction  
Christianity is also a Transformation**

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<sup>11</sup>In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. <sup>12</sup>Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. <sup>13</sup>Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.



“What’s the  
bare minimum  
I need to do in  
order to stay  
married to  
you?”



A person is holding a rectangular piece of brown cardboard with both hands. The cardboard has the words "MY FIRST DAY!" written on it in large, bold, black, hand-drawn capital letters. The person is wearing a white button-down shirt. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The image is partially obscured by a solid black vertical bar on the left side.

MY FIRST  
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**FALSE!!  
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**KEEP** 

**MINNESOTA**

**PASSIVE**

**AGGRESSIVE**

**(OR NOT, WHATEVER YOU THINK IS BEST)**

# Just mind my own business?

## Matthew 18:15-17

<sup>15</sup>If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. <sup>16</sup>But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' <sup>17</sup>If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.



HOW THEN SHALL WE  
**LIVE?**

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