

REAL DISCIPLES OR NOT?? - The Big Question

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"Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the Cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate. Costly grace is the treasure hidden in the field; for the sake of it a man will gladly go and sell all that he has. It is the pearl of great price to buy which the merchant will sell all his goods. It is the kindly rule of Christ, for whose sake a man will pluck out the eye which causes him to stumble, it is the call of Jesus Christ at which the disciple leaves his nets and follows him."

(-Dietrich Bonhoeffer, **The Cost of Discipleship**).

(Hitler had Bonhoeffer shot because he chose to bow to Christ rather than to the Gestapo.)

Matthew 28:19 reads "**Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...**" R.S.V., and most versions. The Greek reads, "To become a pupil." "Enroll as a scholar." Christ did not say to make "converts," but rather to "make disciples." "Followers." In verse 20 He says, "Teaching them to 'observe' all things whatsoever I have commanded you..." Again the Greek reads to "hold fast." How very imperative it is to hold fast the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ!

The 'gospel' of our Lord Jesus Christ is not the gospel that is being preached in most pulpits today! Today's gospel is "another gospel," it is not the gospel of the Scriptures! Generally speaking, the church that provides the best and the most entertainment is the church that garners the greatest number of attendants.

Much of today's gospel is a false gospel, built on false premises, built on false teaching! Should any sincere Christian question this statement, let this individual read Matthew chapter 7:13-28 and verse 29 which says that those who heard Christ's teachings were astonished. Can you imagine the astonishment of people today also, if His message were being preached and taught in our pulpits!

And they of the church
And they of the world;
Walk hand and heart,
And only God who know all
Can tell the two apart.

Hear what Dr. A. W. Tozer has to say on this matter, "Any objections to the carrying on of our present golden-calf Christianity is met with the triumphant reply, 'But we are winning them.' And winning them to what? To true discipleship? To cross carrying? To self-denial? To separation from the world? To crucifixion of the flesh? To holy living? To nobility of character? To hard self-discipline? To love for God? To total commitment to Christ? Of course the answer to all these questions is 'No'." John Fletchersaid, "More is said from our

pulpits in favor of sin than against it."

"No longer is the thundering message of the prophet of God heralded from the sacred pulpit, warning against the wrath of a holy and just God against sin" - Wesley Duewel.