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God takes it personally when - posted by MaryJane, on: 2009/2/5 11:30

Hi
Just wanted to share this email with everyone. It gave me pause to think about the cross and grace.
God Bless
maryjane

Do we all understand the "problem" with the "cheap grace" that Dietrich Bonhoeffer" and many other men of God describe in their reflections of false christianity? God takes it VERY personally when people do the "I'm okay because I believe in grace" mentality.

The problem with fake grace claims -- the declarations of grace that do not include repentance and a cross Jesus spoke of continually is this: It would be like saying to the Father, "I don't have to change, or be convicted about my sins because your Son was murdered, nah-nah-na-nah-nah." That is exactly OPPOSITE of His Intent in giving up His son for us. His grace "teaches us" -- but not THAT. Far from that. To make "grace" into an impersonal doctrine to be invoked when we want to be comfortable and have "peace where there is no peace" is exactly opposite of the reason WHY "God gave His only begotten son." It is VERY personal to Him. His boy. The apple of His eye. That's personal -- not a mantra to chant if we want to avoid conviction or the necessity of Change for His Name's sake.

Father doesn't take kindly to presumption regarding His baby boy being murdered as an excuse to not change. Add to that, some create a doctrine that then blames HIM for "not changing you." Ughhhh. That's not christianity, that is presumption, excuse-making, and blame-shifting. He "has given us EVERYTHING that pertains to life and godliness." His "grace" is PROVISION to overcome, for those who will repent and turn from self-rule, self-sufficiency, self-contentment, and every other self. God is not to be mocked regarding presumptuous declarations regarding the murder of His only begotten son, as an excuse for self-love and lack of true repentance.

Father takes it personally when we "claim" His son's murder as our "ticket" to be comforted without repentance, and use "grace" as kevlar against Holy Spirit conviction of love of the world, pride, love of self, fear, laziness, or other such sins that "crucify afresh" His boy. Let's define grace GOD's way, so as to honor Him with it, rather the anger Him by using His great gift to man as an excuse to sear our consciences and brush off conviction and need and provision for Change.

"Times of refreshing come from repentance" and "He came to bless us by turning us away from wickedness."

Why hide and run from the very approach to Father that will honor Him and show Him our love and gratitude? The REALLY cool thing is that love crucified AROSE, and it is the same for us! John 12:24! Give up to the cross that He offers to us. "Blessed is he who not offended in Me." The Journey is a bit frightening, as it was for Abraham with the knife raised over Isaac. But WOW is it worth it, if we dare to embrace and not run from it.

Re: God takes it personally when - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2009/2/5 11:38

Quote:
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And I would guess from the tone of this article you would define grace as enablement to do the will of God. Right? This is how I understand grace. It makes more sense then to say it gives one license to live for the flesh and still expect to experience the blessings of God.

Thanks for posting this article..

Blessings,
ginnyrose

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2009/2/5 11:49

Hi ginnyrose

I am not sure what you meant by the tone of the article? I guess for me it really spoke to my heart, I listened to the comp utation that Jim posted and it really made me think about how important it is that we share that Jesus is more then just a get out of Hell pass. There are times in my own walk that I take for granted just what Jesus endured for my sake I don't want to have that heart. I don't ever want to trample on His grace. It is good for me to be reminded from time to time that the grace Father extended to me cost something very dear to Himself, His only son.
I have really been seeking Father lately and want and desire to see the sin in my life as He does. Does this make sense ?

God Bless
Maryjane

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2009/2/7 12:22

Quote:
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Lots of sense. And you want to hate sin as God does, if that is possible - not likely, but at least hate it more then we do. I am coming to this conclusion that unless we oppose sin when we encounter it we will be opening the door to allowing it i nto our own lives somewhere in the future. Sobering! and humbling, and almost scary...

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The gist of it. Does this make sense?

Blessings,
ginnyrose