

This Glorious Gospel!

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1 Timothy 1:12-17^{ESV}

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I. Sinner

II. Saved

III. Servant

“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: ‘ye were bought at a price,’ and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is *grace* because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us. *Costly grace* is the Incarnation of God.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*, 45.