

A scroll with text on it, featuring a yellowish parchment texture and wooden rollers at the top and bottom. The text is centered and reads:

The Unfaithful

Jesus said: " 'Well done good and faithful servant; [since] you were faithful over a few things, I will make you [a] ruler over many things.' And Jesus said: 'He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous [money], who will commit to your trust the true riches [of heaven]? And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?' " Apostle Edward

Bible Verses: Matthew 25:21; Luke 16:10-12

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Faithful In Small Things

Jesus teaches we *must* be faithful in the smallest of things, especially when in private and no one is around to observe if we are being unfaithful. It means we are:

1. Faithful over a few things.
2. Faithful in the least of things.
3. Faithful in simple things.
4. Faithful in the use of money.
5. Faithful in what belongs to another.

You might think that this is easy to do, but it is not if you are not guided by the Spirit of God. Putting off the old man and putting on the new man and learning to walk in the Spirit is what you need to do to accomplish this. It is God's Spirit that gives you the strength to walk by HIS ways and not man's.

Jesus also taught us to be faithful until our death if we want to receive a crown of life.

"Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until [your own] death, and I will give you the crown of life." Revelation 2:10

When Jesus taught us to be faithful until our own death, it was with the knowledge that many of us [if not most believers] would experience severe testing, tribulation, and/or maybe even torture.

So, the question becomes, will you die for your faith? If not, you do not have the kind of faith that God requires. And, you may not be faithful in the smallest of things. If this is you, it is *cheap grace* that you have.

Cheap Grace

"*Cheap grace* is the deadly enemy of our Church. We are fighting today for costly grace. Cheap grace means grace sold on the market like cheapjacks' wares. [Cheapjacks were sellers of inferior or cheapened goods].

The sacraments, the forgiveness of sin, and the consolations of religion are thrown away at cut [rate] prices. Grace is represented as the Church's inexhaustible treasury, from which she showers blessings with generous hands, without asking questions or [by] 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.... [45]

Cheap grace means grace as a doctrine, a principle, [or] a system."

"It means forgiveness of sins proclaimed as a general truth, the love of God taught as the Christian *conception* of God. An intellectual assent to that idea is held to be [in and] of itself sufficient to secure remission of sins.

In such a Church the world finds a cheap covering for its sins; no contrition [remorse or repentance] is required, still less any real desire [of people] to be delivered from sin. Cheap grace therefore amounts to a denial of the living Word of God, in fact, a denial of the Incarnation of the Word of God. [45-46]

Cheap grace means the justification of sin without the justification of the sinner. Grace alone does everything they say, and so everything can remain as it was before. '*All for sin could not atone.*' Well, then, let the Christian live like the rest of the world, let him model himself on the world's standards in every sphere of life, and not

presumptuously aspire to live a different life under grace from his old life under sin...."

"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 dwelling inside us]." [47]

Costly Grace

"*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 kingly rule of Christ, for whose sake a man will pluck out [his] eye [if it] causes him to stumble [sin], it is the call of Jesus Christ at which the disciple leaves his nets and follows him."

"Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a man 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: '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 [human] Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us. Costly grace is the incarnation of [the Word of God through the human flesh of His *only* begotten Son Jesus Christ]."

"Costly grace is the sanctuary of God; it has to be protected from the world, and not thrown to the dogs. It is therefore the living word, the Word of God, which HE speaks as it pleases HIM. Costly grace confronts us as a gracious call to follow Jesus. It comes as a word of forgiveness to the broken spirit and the contrite heart. Grace is costly because it compels a man to submit [himself] to the yoke of Christ and follow him; it is grace because Jesus says: 'My yoke is easy and my burden is light.' "

"On two separate occasions Peter received the call [from Jesus]: 'Follow me.' It was the first and last word Jesus spoke to his disciple (Mark 1:17; John 21:22). A whole life lies between these two calls. The first occasion was by the lake of Gennesareth, [Sea of Galilee] when Peter left his nets and his craft and followed Jesus at his word. The second occasion is when the Risen Lord [Jesus] finds [Peter] back again at his old trade."

"Once again it is by the lake of Gennesareth, and once again the call is [to]: 'Follow me.' Between the two calls lay a whole life of discipleship in the following of Christ. Half way between them comes Peter's confession, when he acknowledged Jesus as the Christ [the Son of God sent by HIM] ... [48]

It was the grace of Christ himself, now prevailing upon the disciple to leave all and follow him, now working in him that confession which to the world must sound like the ultimate blasphemy, now inviting Peter to the supreme fellowship of martyrdom for the Lord he had denied, and thereby forgiving him all his sins. In the life of Peter, grace and discipleship are [totally] inseparable. [Apostle Peter] had received the grace which costs; [the costly grace]." [49]

Peter received the costly grace!

"As Christianity spread, and the Church became more secularized, this realization of the costliness of grace gradually faded. The world was Christianized, and grace became its common property. [Grace] was to be had at [a very] low cost..." [49]

The above discussion on *cheap grace* and *costly grace* are from Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book titled *The Cost of Discipleship*. This discussion is on the Internet at <http://www.crossroad.to/Persecution/Bonhoffer.html>. Bracketed numbers are pages in his book.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer suffered death at the hands of the Nazis during World War II. Before dying for his faith, he came to the spiritual conclusion that unless one was willing to die for his or her faith, then that faith was based on *cheap grace* and would be found lacking before God. ***Verily I say unto you, such a faith is no faith at all!***

Bonhoeffer also said: "Both modern liberal theology and secular totalitarianism hold pretty much in common that the message of the Bible has to be adapted more or less, to the requirements of a secular world. No wonder, therefore, that the process of debasing Christianity [with] liberal theology led, in the long run, to a complete perversion and falsification of the [true] essence of Christianity...." [30]

"A Christian must be prepared, if necessary, to offer his life for this [his/her faith]. Thus all kinds of secular totalitarianism which force man to cast aside his religious and moral obligations to God and subordinate the laws of justice and morality to the State [or societal mores] are incompatible with [a true] conception of [Christian] life..." [31]

"The life of the spirit is not that which shuns death and keeps clear of destruction: rather it endures death and in death it is sustained.

It only achieves its truth in the midst of utter destruction." [33]

"In a modern dictatorship, however, with its subterranean ubiquity and all-embracing instruments of oppression, a revolt means certain death to all who support it. ... The future in modern society depends much more on the quiet heroism of the very few who are inspired by God. These few will greatly enjoy the divine inspiration and will be prepared to stand for the dignity of man and true freedom and to keep the law of God, even if it means martyrdom or death."

Because they "Do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things that are not seen are eternal." [2 Cor. 4:17-18]

"Be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." James 1:22

Costly Grace Scriptures

"If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. ... If they persecuted me they will also persecute you. ... Because they do not know HIM who sent me." John 15:19-21

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Romans 12:2

"We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one." 1 John 5:19

Verily I say to you that the "whole Church" also lies under the sway of the wicked one!

"Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial [the devil]? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God.

As God has said: 'I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be MY people.' "

"Therefore, 'Come out from among them and be separate,' says the LORD. 'Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a FATHER to you, and you shall be MY sons and daughters,' Says the LORD ALMIGHTY." 2 Corinthians 6:14-18

"Come out of her, MY people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues." Revelation 18:4

"The time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. And these things they will do to you because they have not known the FATHER nor [have they known] me." John 16:2-3

"They think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you." 1 Peter 4:4

" 'Therefore prepare yourself and arise, and speak to them all that I command you. Do not be dismayed before their faces, lest I dismay you before them. For behold, I have made you this day a fortified city and an iron pillar, and bronze walls against the whole land— Against the kings... princes... priests, and against the people of the land. They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you. For I *am* with you,' says the LORD, 'to deliver you.' "

Jeremiah 1:17-19

"Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evil. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn away from it and pass on." Proverbs 4:14

"But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!" 2 Tim 3:1-5

"Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned." 2 Timothy 3:12-14

The above spiritual truths are different than what most churches teach. Sincere faith in God and HIS Son Jesus does come with a cost attached. In exchange for sincere faith, we obtain eternal life after our short earthly journey ends. The true believer sees him or her self in the context of heaven. This allows them to become steadfast even in the face of earthly persecution. Their spirits know they are of God and do not belong to the world.

Many New Testament letters are addressed "to the faithful" or to "those who are sincere in the faith" or to "like minded believers."

Paul writes: "To the saints who are in Ephesus [*name your city*], and [*who are*] faithful in Christ Jesus." Ephesians 1:1

If you have not accepted God's costly grace, your faith will not be sincere. It's because you will not have the strength and courage that only comes from a true conviction.

The letters in the Bible are spiritual letters and instructions from God to HIS children. When you read it with your spirit engaged, you will get what God wants to give you. When you read it with only your mind, you won't get God's message.

The process of debasing Christianity, which Bonhoeffer observed in the early 1940s, has continued on since his death. Christianity no longer resembles the Church that Christ sent his apostles out to build. The Church was supposed to be filled with believers who understood the costly nature of grace and who had the strength to be faithful to God.

Jesus said: "But why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?" Luke 6:46

**Jesus could have asked:
"Why are you unfaithful?"**

Salvation Lost

The debasing of the Church has led to the belief by many that their salvation is secure and cannot be lost. Listen to God's Word.

"For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know HIM who said, 'Vengeance is MINE, I will repay,' says the LORD.

And again, 'The LORD will judge HIS people.' It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." Heb 10:26-32

Yes, your salvation is lost if you continue to willfully sin. To do so, means you are not only lawless in regards to God's Word, you are also unfaithful to His Word. Same thing!

For now, you need to understand that both God and His Son Jesus Christ fully expect you to be faithful to their instructions. This does not mean you will be perfect. It means you fully grasp the issues of cheap grace, costly grace and that of a true conviction.

Jesus said: "If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin."

John 15:22

"Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness."

1 John 3:4

The Unfaithful Rejected

In John 15:22, Jesus states we have no excuse for our willful sin. Note: there is unknown sin and also unintentional sin that are covered by Jesus' blood. See the *Book of Edward* for a complete discussion of sin.

In 1 John 3:4, we learn that sin is defined as lawlessness. It means we are disobedient and is another way of stating unfaithfulness.

1 John 3:4 could also have read: "Whoever commits sin also commits unfaithfulness and sin is unfaithfulness." Apostle Edward

In Matthew 7:23, we learn that Jesus rejects all who call on his name who are lawless. Those who are called lawless are simply people who were unfaithful to God.

**Ergo, Jesus Rejects
Unfaithful Christians!**

True Belief

Just what constitutes true belief? Is it being informed on a subject? Having extensive knowledge of a subject? I have done a lot of thinking about this and I have come to the conclusion that knowledge alone does not constitute belief. Further, that the old adage "knowledge is power" is a lie and falsehood.

It is *applied knowledge* that is power. For example, the doctor or nurse who lights up a cigarette to smoke doesn't really believe that smoking is harmful to their health. Do they? Of course not, they have knowledge in their heads about the health problems of smoking, but there is no true belief in their hearts. If there were true belief, they would have no problem stopping smoking. So, *it is* applied knowledge that contains true power.

Only when we have a firm conviction in our souls will we apply the knowledge we know.

So, we need to take action on the knowledge we have in order for it to do anything for us. It's the same thing when we accept Jesus as our savior. If we fail to obey his teachings, we fail to activate the spiritual power God has available for us. We also demonstrate to God that our proclaimed faith is a falsehood and that we are insincere towards HIM. For if we truly believed, wouldn't we obey God?

Again, listen to Jesus. "But why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?" Luke 6:46

"But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not!" Galatians 2:20

"Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame." 1 Cor. 15:34

Faithful - Unfaithful

"Love the LORD, all you HIS saints! For the LORD preserves the faithful." Ps 31:23

"MY eyes shall be on the faithful ... that they may dwell with ME." Psalm 101:6

"A faithful man will abound with blessings." Proverbs 28:20

"The integrity of the upright will guide them, but the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them." Proverbs 11:3

"Because they were unfaithful to ME ... I hid MY face from them." Ezekiel 39:26

"And they were unfaithful to the God of their fathers." 1 Chronicles 5:25

"For the LORD brought Judah low ... [for Ahaz king of Israel] had been continually unfaithful to the LORD." 2 Chron. 28:19

There are 16 verses in the New King James that use the word "unfaithful" and 86 verses that use the word "faithful." The prior page is only a sampling of them. Yet, clearly God is focused on the positive. So, be faithful to God! Obey HIS Word and the teachings of HIS Son and you *will* see HIS eternal life.

Edward's Conclusion

God asked me to write seven street tracts for HIM and this is the seventh. Yet, when I look back, HE has had me writing about how the Church at large has become unfaithful to HIM in all the tracts HE called me to write.

In tract one, *The Invitation*, God had me show you Scripture that showed how the Church has lied about the nature of HIS salvation. Even denying HIS Word that salvation comes from HIM. Is salvation a small matter of faithfulness?

In tract two, *The Messenger*, God had me show you Scripture that showed how the Church has lied about the nature of Jesus Christ, God's only human begotten Son. Even denying HIS Word that Christ is not God. Is this a small matter of faithfulness?

In tract three, *The Message*, God had me show you Scripture that showed how the Church has failed to open the minds and hearts of people. Even denying HIS Word that salvation is deeper than mouthing Jesus. Is this a small matter of faithfulness?

In tract four, *Law of Christ*, God had me show you Scripture that showed how the Church has lied about the nature of God's Law and what Christ has done in terms of increasing HIS *standard* for our behavior. Even denying HIS Word that the Law has not entirely been done away with. Is this a small matter of faithfulness?

In tract five, *The Seven Spirits*, God had me show you Scripture that showed how the Church has lied about the nature of God HIMSELF through the invention of a pagan god called the Trinity. Even denying HIS Word that God has seven spirits and not just one. Is this a small matter of faithfulness?

In tract six, *The Tithing Lie*, God had me show you Scripture that showed how the Church has lied about the nature of tithing in the Old Testament. Even denying HIS Word that tithing is of the law and no longer required. Is raising money through a false doctrine on tithing a small matter of faithfulness?

In this tract, *The Unfaithful*, God had me show you Scripture that showed how the Church has lied about being faithful and now has a cheap grace doctrine that leads many to Hell. Even denying HIS Word that faithfulness is a requirement of salvation. Is this a small matter of faithfulness?

The contrast is astonishing. Christ has taught us to be faithful even in small things. Yet Orthodox Church doctrines are unfaithful in very huge things, leading believers astray and keeping them out of God's kingdom.

Therefore, orthodoxy has resulted in corrupt religious institutions just like the one Jesus castigated the scribes and Pharisees about. The Church keeps people out of heaven and most churches are now as unfaithful to God as the first institution Christ reprimanded.

Jesus told the religious leaders: "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in." Matthew 23:13

"Woe to whoever keeps people out of God's kingdom, for HE will surely repay them for such unfaithfulness!" Apostle Edward

Study the Scriptures cited in this booklet very carefully. While in the Spirit, God gave these Scriptures to me for your benefit.

Please open up your heart to God's Word and let Jesus Christ, our Teacher, become the example you follow all the way back to your own heavenly home.

Do this and you will not only love Jesus and the sacrifice he made for our sins, you will also fall in love with God. You can call HIM heavenly FATHER in all of your prayers.

Apostle's Prayer

Heavenly FATHER and God of my brother Jesus Christ, who is our Teacher, hear my prayer. Bless every soul that reads this booklet and will open up their heart to YOUR Son Jesus and also to YOUR Spirit. And, to all who pray the salvation prayer on the next page, grant them repentance.

Salvation Prayer

FATHER God, I accept this special invitation of YOURS to an eternal life in heaven.

I confess with my mouth that YOU raised Jesus Christ from the dead and that he is the first of many humans to be resurrected to be with YOU, as YOUR sons and daughters.

I believe in my heart unto righteousness and I will do my best to live a righteous life in YOUR eyes. I will follow the example of Jesus and be faithful unto my own death.

FATHER, I thank you that YOU and YOUR Son will become one with me to help me overcome this earthly life. I know that this will make us of one mind and that YOUR Spirit will dwell within me to guide my path back home. Teach me YOUR ways LORD.

Date _____ Signature _____

The Apostle Edward

Please accept God's Invitation to an eternal life. This may be the only time you will be presented with God's Word.



These are only the basics, but they will get you started on a life with God and HIS Son Jesus Christ.

You must understand that Jesus Christ is God's human begotten Son; he is not God. It is as simple as believing what Jesus taught us and accepting Scripture over manmade church doctrine. If your church doesn't preach the Word, find another church that does. You can read more about this topic and others at <http://www.bookofedward.org>.

Notations in small caps such as LORD, HE, HIM, HIS, YOU, and FATHER refer to God.

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Scripture Key: If you keep the relationship between God and HIS begotten human Son straight, you will understand your Bible and God's invitation to an eternal life will be for real. It's a key to understanding HIS Word.

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Two Heart Gateways

