

Why do you call me, “Lord, Lord,” and do not do what I say?

Luke 6:46

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Luke 6:46, *Why do you call me, “Lord, Lord,” and do not do what I say?*

Why Do We Call Him Lord, and Not Obey What He Says?

1. Sin is alive and well

Galatians 5:17, *For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.*

“Sin is not a little speck upon our nature, nor a slight stain that can be washed away with a little water. It is a fierce, raging and dreadful monster, which defiles and destroys all things; and it remains in us all our life long, so that we must battle against it until death.”

– Martin Luther

“Sin is a master, and it will harm its servant. If you do not rule it, it will rule you. There is no neutrality – either you crush it or it crushes you.”

– Charles Spurgeon

2. Misunderstanding of Grace

Romans 6:12, *Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.*

Titus 2:11-12, *For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.*

“Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate...”

Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again...

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.”

– Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

Cheap Grace versus Costly Grace

Cheap Grace

1. Forgiveness without repentance.

Assumes God's pardon is automatic, requiring no change of heart or behavior.

2. Salvation without discipleship.

Accepts Jesus as Savior but rejects following Him as Lord and Teacher.

3. Belief without obedience.

Claims faith in Christ but ignores His commands as optional or outdated.

4. Grace as a "product" to be possessed.

Treated like a commodity – something you receive once and keep, with no ongoing cost.

5. No cross, no suffering.

Avoids any form of persecution, sacrifice, or discomfort for the sake of Christ.

6. Conforms to the world.

Blends in with culture, avoiding offense or social friction.

7. A one-time decision.

Reduces Christianity to a prayer, an altar call, or a past experience.

8. No cost, no sacrifice.

Gives God leftover time, money, or energy while keeping comfort and security intact.

9. God exists for me.

Views God as a means to personal happiness, blessing, and problem-solving.

10. Leads to self-deception.

Produces false assurance – hearing but not doing, building on sand.

Costly Grace

1. Forgiveness that demands repentance.

Grace is free, but it requires a complete turnaround – turning from sin to Christ.

2. Salvation that is discipleship.

Following Jesus is not an add-on; it is the very shape of salvation.

3. Belief expressed through obedience.

Faith is proven genuine only when it produces action.

4. Grace as a Person to be followed.

Grace is Jesus Himself – and following Him means daily surrender, not passive ownership.

5. Bearing the cross daily.

Willingly embraces suffering, rejection, and loss as part of identifying with Christ.

6. Transforms and confronts the world.

Lives as salt and light, standing against unrighteousness even when costly.

7. A lifetime of perseverance.

Obedience is a daily, ongoing walk that endures to the end.

8. Counts the cost and pays it.

Willingly offers everything – possessions, plans, relationships – for the sake of the Kingdom.

9. I exist for God.

Accepts that life's purpose is to glorify God, even when His plans disrupt mine.

10. Leads to genuine transformation.

Produces fruit, stability, and intimacy with Christ – building on the rock.