



# Restoration

A Study in the Book of *Joel* ✦

# Grace In Action

Joel 2:1-17



Cheap grace is the deadly enemy of our church...Grace is represented as the Church's inexhaustible treasury, from which she showers blessings with generous hands, without asking questions or fixing limits...Grace alone does everything, they say, and so everything can remain as it was before...The world has been justified by grace. The Christian knows that, and takes it seriously. He knows he must not strive against this indispensable grace. Therefore — let him live like the rest of the world!

- Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*



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- A. A Day of Total Judgment
- B. A Day of Devastating Judgment
- C. A Day of Inevitable Judgment



## 2. Shelter in God's Gracious Provision (2:12-14)





### 3. Share God's Gracious Blessing (2:15-17)



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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 kingly 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...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: “you were bought with 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.

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