

STUDY GUIDE

“The One in the Beginning”

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Introduction

Aloha, everyone! We’re starting our new, original series for the Christmas Season, we’re calling “The One.” In this series we’re immersing ourselves once again into WHY Christmas is so important not just for Christians but for all mankind.

1. Can you name any heroes from the movies or literature that were regarded as “the one?”
2. What are the 4 Gospels? How does each one introduce us to Jesus?
3. After reading this passage below, how does John introduce us to Jesus? Who does John say Jesus is?

“In the beginning was the One who is called the Word. The Word was with God and was truly God. From the very beginning the Word was with God. And with this Word, God created all things. Nothing was made without the Word. Everything that was created received its life from Him, and His life gave light to everyone. The light keeps shining in the dark, and darkness has never put it out. The Word became a human being and lived here with us. We saw His true glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father. From Him all the kindness and all the truth of God have come down to us. ¹⁸ No one has seen God at any time; God the only *Son*, who is in the arms of the Father, He has explained *Him*” (John 1:1-5, 14 CEV v. 18 NASB).

4. From the following quote, discuss what happens when we hear an incorrect or incomplete Gospel.

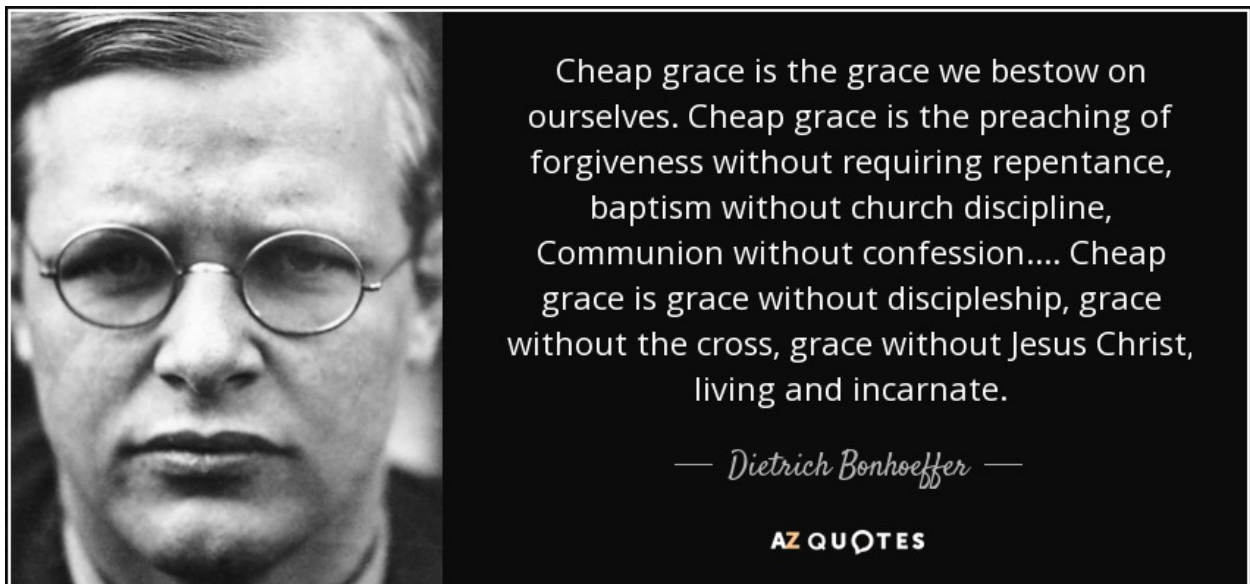
The gospel we HEAR will determine the GOD

we Worship and how we LIVE.

5. How did Pastor Mike describe a “religious” or Contract Christian?



6. Bonhoeffer warned us against “cheap grace.” What did he mean?



7. Why is it important we know the “right” Jesus? Discuss the following quote:

“Is the Jesus you know worthy of your full devotion?”

8. No one has seen God so what does the Bible mean that Jesus is the “Word?” Why should we accept Jesus’s explanation of God?

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9. Discuss the following quote. Why did Jesus come? Who is Jesus?

“The Only-begotten Son of the Eternal Father appeared on earth to bring salvation and the light of the wisdom of God to the human race.” (Pope Leo XIII, Summa Theologica of St. Thomas Aquinas, p. vii)

10. (Advanced extra credit question) What’s the difference between Ptolemy’s geocentric view and Copernicus’s heliocentric view?
11. Who is supposed to be in the center of our universe?
12. What happens to our lives when Christ is not in the center?



13. Based on what you just learned, describe an authentic Christian. Whether or not everything works out perfectly in your life, do you believe Jesus is still worthy of your full devotion?
14. How would authentic Christians see the importance of fellowship? How can Church help you transform Spiritually?



Conclusion

So now can you see why Jesus is THE ONE? May this Christmas be your most profound one ever now that you know whose birth we are celebrating! Stay tuned next week for how the coming of Jesus fulfilled Biblical prophecies.