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LIVING OUR FAITH IN OUR WORLD. Week 1

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER, PASTOR HITLER'S
GERMANY

ABOLISHED RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

THE ARYAN CLAUSE : BANNED JEWS FROM THE
CIVIL SERVICE

THE FEUHRER'S PRINCIPLE – “ABSOLUTE RULER”

THE REICH CHURCH – FORCED COMPLIANCE

May 1934 – “The Barmen Declaration”

1. UNITE THE LUTHERAN & REFORMED
CHURCHES

2. TAKE A STAND - “CONFESSIONS OF FAITH”
And STAND AGAINST THE REICH CHURCH

THE “CONFESSING CHURCH” – 6,000 OF 18,000

Faith Without Action is Dead

James 2:14-17 “What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? ...In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

2Co 5:14-15 NIV84

For *Christ's love compels us*, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

The Call to Justice

Isaiah 1:17 NIV84 “...learn to do right!
Seek justice, encourage the oppressed.
Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead
the case of the widow.”

The Call to Justice

Micah 6:8 He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Radical Love in Action

Matthew 25:35-40

“...I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”

Radical Love in Action

Prov. 31:8-9 "*Speak up* for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. (9) *Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.*"

Bonhoeffer's Life Illustrates That:

- A. FAITH CANNOT EXIST IN A VACUUM.
- B. THE CHURCH MUST BE THE VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS AND ...
- C. TRUE FAITH IS ALWAYS ACCOMPANIED BY ACTION