

Moving Forward in Faithfulness

The Biblical Family

What elements are are involved in the process of Biblical family living?

- a. **Love:** Realization of God's love which is truth-based, sacrificial, and redemptive

- b. **Grace:** Divine, unmerited favor

Not *cheap grace* — “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.”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship* (1937)

- c. **Mercy:** Withholding due judgment

- d. **Forgiveness:** Debt no longer demanding repayment

- e. **Peace:** Atmosphere absent of fear, threat, and trouble

- f. **Perseverance:** Faithfully moving forward

