

Erwin W. Lutzer, *Hitler's Cross*, Chicago: Moody Press, 1995; 216 pp.

This reviewer does not recall being moved by a book in recent times as much as Lutzer's book about the tragic way the cross of Christ was used as a symbol of the Nazi agenda. Lutzer's account of the way that Hitler's regime deceived, divided, and dismembered the Church in Germany gives any Christian today reason to ponder any reliance upon political powers as the ultimate solution to problems facing any national culture. The believer will also be stirred by a detailed chronicle of two glowing exceptions found in Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer who was executed by the Third Reich for his stand against Hitler and Pastor Martin Niemöller who was liberated from a concentration camp when the allies captured Germany. Both men insightfully stood against the Nazis from the very beginning and payed a heavy price for their commitment to Jesus Christ. The reader will come away from the book with his heart challenged and his commitment to Jesus Christ questioned in a positive way.