

The diploma paper "Freedom and responsibility in the later writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer" examines the sense and the contingent development of the ideas "freedom" and "responsibility" in the later writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer (N, GL, E, WE). The preamble informs about the whole life and theology of Bonhoeffer. It includes also three interpretations, that show the danger of the one-sided understanding of the work. The main part studies the use of the terms "freedom" and "responsibility" with reference to the forenamed works. Notwithstanding the variety of the use and dynamical evolving continuity, which is characterized by the intellectual righteousness and consequence, we discover no break (theological, ethical or human). "Freedom" and "responsibility" have a "fixed location" and it is important to see them in the context with the rest of the codeterminative conceptions (the following, the obedience, the allegiance, the answer, the act, the representation, the reality, the church, the world...) This work brings out, that Christian freedom is always the exemption for the fellowship with God and the man. Its effect is always the act. The eternal freedom is as well archaic as eschatologic. Responsibility is the answer to the call of God. It is the following, the service, the representation, "be for the other". Outside the answer (to God) is no responsibility. Freedom and responsibility are the indissoluble dialectical unity.