

Grace and Truth

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of **Grace and Truth.**

Grace

Grace – Is the unmerited favor of God toward people; something we do not earn. It is unconditional love and acceptance; safe from condemnation.

BUT - Grace without truth is license and leads to death

Gal 5:13 You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature.

Gal 5:19-21 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Grace without truth allows us to continue in our life of sin, stating to ourselves that “I can do this...God will forgive me...”

Truth

Truth – Is a conformity to fact; an actuality.

But – Truth without Grace is *judgment*. Truth by itself is extremely harsh and deadly.

Romans 7:9-10 - Once I was alive apart from law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died. I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death.

Gal 5:4 - You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.

Together, Grace & Truth are a healing combination and eliminate (at least legally) our guilt. It brings true relationship with our Savior and our God.

John 1:17

For the law was given through Moses; **grace** and **truth** came through Jesus Christ.

Colossians 1:6b

All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's **grace** in all its **truth**.

2 John 1:3

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us in **truth** and love.

