

## Grace and Truth Part 1

100% + 100% = 100%

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**Main Point:** In the life of Jesus we find the perfect example of grace and truth.

"Truth without grace breeds a self-righteous legalism that poisons the church and pushes the world away from Christ. Grace without truth breeds moral indifference and keeps people from seeing the need for Christ."

-Randy Alcorn

*The Grace and Truth Paradox*

Grace- (charis) n. Unmerited favor simply out of profound love; to show extraordinary kindness. The very character and essence of Jesus' life and glory.

Truth- (aletheia) n. Something real, genuine and trustworthy; genuine actuality, reality and dependability.

**Point One:** Believers are to radiate the indwelling presence of Jesus Christ.

*"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth."*

John 1:14

- The manifest presence of God used to be in the tabernacle.
- The manifest presence of God became flesh and lived with us.
- The manifest presence of God now dwells in us- the Holy Spirit.

When people see us, they should see the glory,  
grace and truth of God!

Point Two: Believers testify to the truth of Jesus by radiating grace.

“For the law was *given* through Moses...”  
-God gave us His law through Moses.

“...grace and truth *came* through Jesus Christ.” (John 1:17)  
-According to the divine plan, the fullness of all grace and truth came in the bodily form of Jesus Christ.

The definitive mark of Jesus Christ’s divinity was grace and truth- 100% of each.

Take in the rich and delightful food of truth...  
breathe out the wonderful fragrance of grace.

**Challenge:** What are you strong in- grace or truth? Will you start working on your weakness?

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Next week: Grace and Truth Part 2- Luke 18:9-14