

# **Life in the Word Series: The Balance of Grace and Truth**



# Lesson Three: Twisted Grace



**John 1:14, And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.**



**“Grace is the desire and power to do what  
God wants me to do”**



# Lesson Scripture: Scripture—Jude 1:3-4



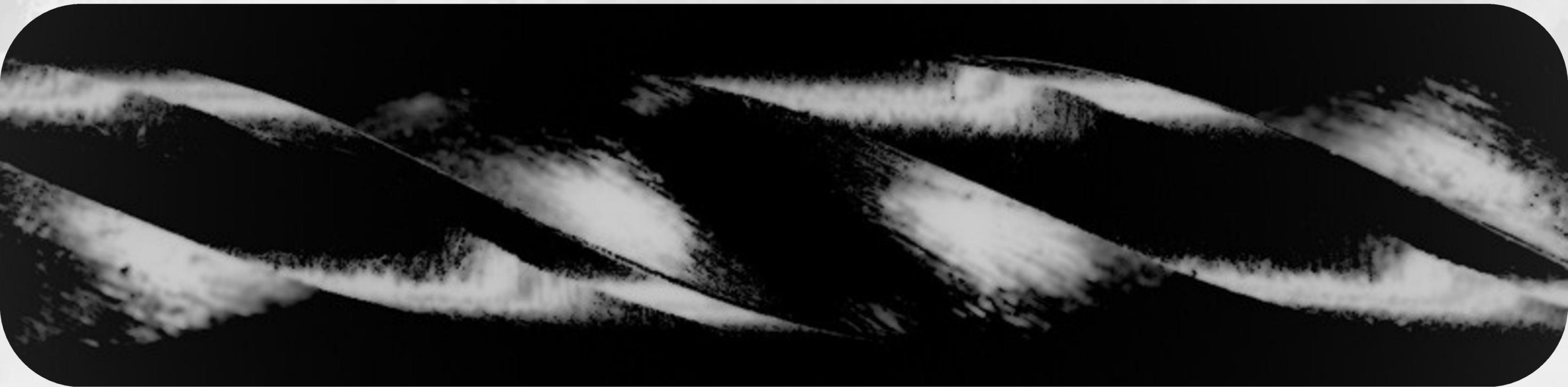
**Jude 1:3-4, Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the which was once for all delivered to the saints. For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord.**



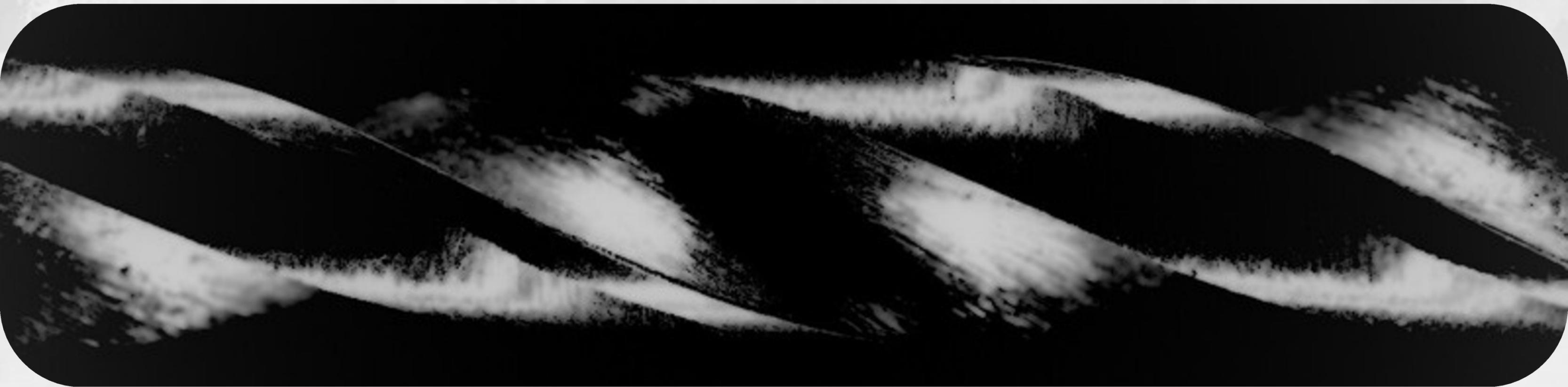
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**TWISTED** means to be bent so that the original shape is changed or destroyed, forced out of its natural or proper shape; crumpled, peculiar, and strange, not of the norm.



**"Twisted grace" refers to the deceptive teachings of false converts who pervert God's grace into a license for immoral behavior and sensuality, rather than the godly living it teaches, ultimately denying Jesus Christ as Lord.**



**"Turn the grace of our God into lewdness."**

**“Lewdness” refers to behaviour that is “shameless,  
outrageous, or without restraint”**

**Any notion of “grace” that diminishes obedience is  
NOT the grace of God!**

**Jesus did not die to save us IN our sins;  
He died to save us FROM our sins!**



**Titus 2:11-14, For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.”**

## **Four Key Aspects of Perverting Grace:**

- **License for Immorality**
- **Minimizing Sin**
- **Denial of Christ's Lordship**
- **Adding Requirements for Salvation**



# **Three Illustrations of the Consequences of Sin:**



# **1. The Children of Israel in the Desert**

## **Jude 1:5**



## **2. The Angels in Heaven**

### **Jude 1:6**



**You believe that there is one God. You do well.  
Even the demons believe and tremble!**

**James 2:19**



# **3. Sodom and Gomorrah**

## **Jude 1:7**



# **The Aspects of God's Grace:**

- **Grace is a Gift, Not a License**
- **Grace Leads to Godliness**
- **Grace Focuses on Christ's Lordship**

# **Four Signs You Might Be Taking God's Grace For Granted:**

- **Neglecting Spiritual Disciplines**
- **Returning to Old Patterns**
- **Disobedience**
- **Lack of Transformation**

# **Four Ways to Cultivate Gratitude for God's Grace:**

- **Daily Interaction with God**
- **Focus on God's Goodness**
- **Express Thanks and Praise**
- **Embrace Transformation**

“Grace isn’t  
an excuse  
to stay in  
your sin. It  
is the  
power to  
get out of  
it.”



# **FOLLOW-UP CHAT QUESTIONS:**

- 1. What is your definition of grace?**
- 2. What is your understanding of “twisted grace”?**
- 3. Describe what is meant by “turning the grace of our God into lewdness.”**
- 4. List the four ways we pervert sin.**
- 5. List ways we take God’s grace for granted.**
- 6. How can you cultivate gratitude for God’s grace in your daily walk?**
- 7. What resonated most in today’s lesson?**



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LET'S PRAY  
**THANK  
YOU**