



Life in the Word Series:

# The Balance of Grace and Truth





LESSON TWO:

# The Perfect Balance



# 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.



# John 1:17

For the law was given by Moses, but  
grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.



Jesus not only gives us the truth, but  
through grace He also helps us to align  
to it.



1. Truth-directed Christians love studying Scripture and theology. But sometimes they're quick to judge and slow to forgive.



2. Grace-directed Christians love forgiveness and freedom. But sometimes they neglect biblical study and see moral standards as “legalism.”



Jesus was far more than just a great instructor of truth. He embodied the truth!



Jesus did much more than just offer  
grace. He embodied grace!



Jesus was all grace.



Jesus was all truth.



1. The Role of Truth  
Isaiah 30:21



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“And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.”



# Ephesians 4:14-15

Then we will no longer be little children, tossed like waves and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, or by clever strategies that would lead us astray. Instead, by speaking the truth in love, we will grow up completely and become one with the head, that is, one with the Messiah, (Jesus).



## 2. The Role of Grace Romans 5:20-21



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Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound that as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.



# Ephesians 1:7

In whom we have redemption through  
His blood, the forgiveness of sins,  
according to the riches of His grace.



Grace not only saves us, but it keeps us!  
Romans 5:1-2



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Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.



Grace enables us to endure trials.  
2 Corinthians 12:7-9



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For this thing I besought the Lord thrice,  
that it might depart from me. And He  
said unto me, My grace is sufficient for  
thee: for My strength is made perfect in  
weakness.



And of his fullness have all we received,  
and grace for grace.

John 1:16



We do not receive grace ahead of time  
for a situation we have not yet faced.



How do we balance grace and truth in  
everyday life?



# Six Practical Applications in Balancing Grace and Truth in Everyday Life:



# 1. Love as the Foundation



## 2. Emphasizing God's Word



“Satan’s greatest weapon is man’s  
ignorance of God’s Word.”



### 3. Allowing for Growth and Transformation



## 4. Seeking Reconciliation



## 5. Speaking Truth with Compassion



“Our finger prints don’t fade from the  
lives we touch.”



## 6. Avoiding Extremes



“Each of us are like a small mirror in which God searches for His reflection.”



# Closing Prayer

Lord, fill me with your Spirit so I can walk in both grace and truth. Give me the wisdom to speak truth with love and to receive correction with grace. Help me to be honest and loving, reflecting Jesus' perfect balance in my own life. In Jesus' name, Amen

# Follow Up Chat Questions:

1. What are some differences between grace and truth?
2. How did Jesus embody grace and truth in His life on earth?
3. Name some distractions that can pull Christians away from the biblical path.
4. In what way(s) does grace sustain you? Explain.
5. List ways we can balance grace and truth in everyday life.
6. Why is it importance to balance grace and truth in our Christian walk?
7. What resonated the most in today's lesson?

