



Life in the Word Series:

# The Balance of Grace and Truth





LESSON ONE:

# The Ingredients of Grace and Truth



Foundation Scripture:

**John 1:14**



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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 and truth are spiritual DNA, the  
building blocks of Christ-centered  
living.”



To be Christlike is to be full of what He  
was full of: grace and truth.



# John 1:17

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



Truth is not complete without grace and  
grace is not complete without truth.  
Grace without truth deceives people.  
Truth without grace crushes people.



If we minimize grace the world sees no hope for salvation. If we minimize truth, the world sees no need for salvation.



If we fail the grace and truth test,  
people won't see Jesus.



# Acts 4:32-33

The multitude of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of his possessions was his own, but instead they held everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was on all of them.



**TRUTH** was what they believed and spoke, and **GRACE** was how they lived.



As thunder follows lightning, our grace  
to others follows God's grace to us.



# Colossians 1:6

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.



“Great grace” is the superabundant supply of God’s help in time of need.



**TRUTH** refers to the legal demands on humanity that God's character requires and the absolute law He established in His Word.



**GRACE** is the aspect of God's character that overrides His judgment of our sin.



# John 1:1,14

In the beginning was the Word; and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and took up residence among us. We observed His glory, the glory as the One and Only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.



# Two Questions Reflecting Grace and Truth:



# 1. How Do I Reflect Grace In My Life?



## 2. How Do I Reflect Truth in My Life?



A grace-starved, truth-starved world  
needs Jesus, full of grace and truth.



How would someone describe Christ  
according to what they see in you?



# Grace Gives; Truth Guides



“When grace walks in that doesn’t mean  
truth needs to walk out.”

# Follow Up Questions:

1. How does the Gospel of John describe Jesus?
2. What does it mean to be Christlike?
3. Why was the Law insufficient to save us?
4. "Grace without truth deceives people. Truth without grace crushes people." Explain.
5. In what way(s) did the early church demonstrate great grace?
6. In what way(s) did the early church demonstrate great grace?
7. What resonated most in today's lesson?

