

**John 1.14-18** 1.18 – No one has ever seen God, but when you see Jesus, you see God's heart, and when you see the Father's heart, you see grace&truth, which meets us where we are and takes us where we want to be with God.

**Three keys points:**

- 1] Jesus embodied grace and truth so we can embrace grace&truth.
- 2] Point of embracing the grace embodied by Jesus is to experience his faithfulness.
- 3] Grace&truth fixes us and equips us to experience God's good intentions for us.

**Who me???** *On a scale of 1 to 10 [1=stinks/10=crushing it], how's it going with your...*

- *Direction for your future* \_\_\_\_\_
- *Meaning in your life* \_\_\_\_\_
- *Intimacy of your relationships* \_\_\_\_\_
- *Physical well-being* \_\_\_\_\_
- *Regrets, guilt, shame* \_\_\_\_\_
- *Inner conflict over your desires versus God's ways* \_\_\_\_\_
- *Overall spiritual satisfaction* \_\_\_\_\_

**Truth:** *Jesus is God's ultimate faithfulness to the deepest reality of God.*

**Grace:** *Grace is unmerited favor and assistance given by God to humanity for general provision and spiritual restoration.*

**Objections to grace&truth:** At least I'm not as bad as him or her...I'll do it myself...I'm unworthy...Pride. Too much me/myself/I...Unwilling to yield to the new reality truth brings...There are no absolutes...You have your truth, and I'll have mine...What's yours?

**Grace&Truth.** *When grace happens, truth happens.* NT Wright

**Dietrich Bonhoeffer's cheap grace versus costly grace:** *"...Grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a woman or a man their life, and it is grace because it gives them the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: "you were bought at a price," and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us."*

**How can I experience the grace&truth of God in Jesus Christ?** Approach throne of grace – Heb 4.16 // Through faith – Eph 2.5 & 8 // Humbly – James 4.6; 1 Pet 5.5; Prov 3.3

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**Consider spending the next six days exploring what grace&truth can do for you:**

- 1/ everyday blessings and preparation for faith** – John 1.16; Acts 18.27; James 1.17; Mt 5.45; Rom 2.4; Ps 103.1-2ff; Jn 12.32
- 2/ saving relationship with God** forgiveness now & eternity with God Eph 2.5 & 8-9; Rom 3.24; Rom 5.20-21; Eph 1.7; 2 Tim 1.9; Titus 2.11 & 3.7.
- 3/ calling and capacity to serve** Eph 2.10; Rom 1.5; 2 Cor 9.8; Rom 15.15-16; Rom 12.6; Eph 4.7
- 4/ strength/sufficiency for whatever we face** 2 Cor 12.9; Heb 4.16; 2 Tim 2.1; Heb 13.9
- 5/ growth and sanctification** 2 Pet 3.18; Acts 13.43; 1 Cor 15.10; 2 Cor 6.1; 1 Thes 5.23-24
- 6/ comfort and hope** 2 Thes 2.16-17