



Grace & Truth

John 1:1 (literal translation)

"In the beginning was the Word (logos), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 **This One** was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the **Light** of men. 5 The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overpower it.

6 There came to be a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 **This one** came as a witness, to testify about **the Light**, so that all might believe through him. 8 **That one** was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light.

9 There was the **true Light** which enlightens every man coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to those who were His own, and they did not receive Him. 12 **But** as many as did received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, 13 **who were born,** not of bloods nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but **of God.**

14 And the Word became flesh, and camped (tabernacled) among us, and we saw His amazingness, amazingness as of the only One born from the Father, **full of grace and truth.** 15 John testifies about Him and cries out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, ' He who comes after me is become before me.'" 16 For of His fullness we all received, and grace for grace. 17 For the **Law** was given through Moses; **grace and truth** were realized through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has seen **God** at any time; the only begotten Son who is in the bosom of the Father, **He has explained Him.**"

Share a time when the light in you was overpowered - and a time when it was not overpowered...

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Word for grace is "charis" - a word or act that invokes gratitude, something given which was not deserved or earned - which established value in the one receiving it.

Hebrew equivalent - "CHASAD" (Strong's 2616) which means to bow, or bend the neck in courtesy as to an equal.

The word for truth is "alethia" - a compound word in the Greek from the root "lethia", meaning to cover. The prefix "a" is a negative "un". So truth is a verb, meaning to uncover.

What meaning does this give to what we know about Jesus?

What contrast is being shown where John writes about the Law and Moses and compares it to Jesus?

What feelings come up when thinking about the combining of grace and truth in the way we live? What would that look like?
