

***“And we...are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory.***

**2Cor 3:18**



Worshipping  
**Weekly**

Gathering in a  
**Group**



Serving on a Ministry  
**Team**

Sharing  
**Both Near & Far**

# The Path Of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**



**“What does it mean to “be like Jesus?” We could come up with long lists of His character qualities. But the longer the list, the less we can wrap our minds around it. Jesus is full of two things: grace and truth. *“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only... full of grace and truth.”* People only had to look at Jesus to see what God is like. People today should only have to look at us to see what Jesus is like. For better or worse, they draw conclusions about Christ from what they see in us. A grace-starved, truth-starved world needs Jesus, full of grace and truth. So...what does this hungry world see when it looks at us?”**



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**John 1:14 pg 750**



**Words Are Not Enough To  
Reveal God To A World Without  
Him.**



# “The Word”

***“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”***

**Col 1:15-17**



# **“Became Flesh”**

***“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched-- this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.”***

***1John 1:1***



# “Dwelling among us”

*Lit= to tabernacle; or to set up a tent or place to live*



**“We beheld his glory”**

***Lit= to look at closely; to examine;  
to scrutinize carefully and  
completely***



# Understanding Grace and Truth

Grace: *Unmerited Favor: Grace means showing favor, giving gifts, performing acts of goodness on another's behalf when they do not deserve them. To be gracious is to be kind and merciful, doing good and seeking another's welfare by great sacrifices and love*



***Grace is An Expression of  
the Mercy and Compassion  
of God, And Lacks Power  
Without Being Personally  
Expressed.***



# Understanding Grace and Truth

Truth: *That which conforms to reality. Truth represents things as they are. Truth is ultimately an expression of the character and holiness of God. Truth is more than just words...it is life lived in keeping with God and His standard.*



**Truth is An Expression of  
the Holiness and Character  
of God But Becomes  
Overwhelming Without  
Personal Softening.**



# We Must Reflect *BOTH* Grace and Truth

- It is not 50% and 50%
- It is not an either or proposition
- It is not a battle between the two
- It is not a seesaw...dependant upon circumstances
- It is a challenge for all of us!
- It is 100% plus 100% Always perfectly balanced
- It is a goal we are always pursuing



**“Your love for our family has helped to provide the healing we so desperately need. Gifts you’ve given have touched our hearts in a way no words can describe. Your compassion has reached beyond our family, beyond our community, and is changing our world, and for this we sincerely thank you.”**

**Marie Roberts**



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- Are you being changed?***
- Are you changing others with grace and truth***

