

## **Truth and Grace in Community - John 1:1-18**

### **Truth and Grace matter in Community**

Truth matters because Trust matters

Truth matters to God because justice matters (Acts 17:30-31)

Grace matters because of who we are (Romans 3:23)

Grace matters because of who God is (Exodus 34:6)

### **Truth and Grace come through Jesus**

Truth because of who He is

The Eternal Word who made the world (1:3, 10)

The Son of the Father (1:14, 14:6)

Grace because of what He did

He loved the world that hated Him (John 3:16,17)

We see grace and truth in the glory of the cross (John 17:1-3)

### **Application:**

We need the truth and grace of Jesus

We need to show truth and grace

### **John 1:1-18 (ESV)**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life,<sup>[a]</sup> and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own,<sup>[b]</sup> and his own people<sup>[c]</sup> did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son<sup>[d]</sup> from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.<sup>[e]</sup> <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God; the only God,<sup>[f]</sup> who is at the Father's side,<sup>[g]</sup> he has made him known.