

Real World Real God

Anchored in Grace & Truth

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"Grace and truth are spiritual DNA, the building blocks of Christ-Centered living."

— Randy Alcorn

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14 NIV

"Any concept of grace that makes us feel more comfortable sinning is not biblical grace. God's grace never encourages us to live in sin, on the contrary it empowers us to say no to sin and yes to Truth."

— Randy Alcorn

"These two ideas should hold our minds and direct our lives. God is grace and truth. Not one without the other. Not the other apart from the one. In His government, there can be no lowering of the simple and severe standard of Truth; and there is no departure from the purpose and passion of grace."

— G. Campbell Morgan

¹⁶ Out of His fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

John 1:16-17 NIV

¹ but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ² At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. ³ The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group ⁴ and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" ⁶ They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. ⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." ⁸ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. ¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" ¹¹ "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

John 8:1-11 NIV

"If you believe what you like in the Gospel, and reject what you don't like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself."

— Augustine

¹¹ This is a trustworthy saying: If we die with him, we will also live with him. ¹² If we endure hardship, we will reign with him. If we deny him, he will deny us. ¹³ If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is. ¹⁴ Remind everyone about these things, and command them in God's presence to stop fighting over words. Such arguments are useless, and they can ruin those who hear them. ¹⁵ Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth. ¹⁶ Avoid worthless, foolish talk that only leads to more godless behavior.

2 Timothy 2:11-15 NLT

"Truth hates sin. Grace loves sinners. Those full of grace and truth—those full of Jesus—do both. Grace never ignores the awful truth of our depravity; in fact it emphasizes it. The worse we realize we are the greater we realize the greatness of God's grace."

— Randy Alcorn

³⁶ Jesus answered, "My Kingdom is not an earthly kingdom. If it were, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders. But my Kingdom is not of this world." ³⁷ Pilate said, "So you are a king?" Jesus responded, "You say I am a king. Actually, I was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true." ³⁸ "What is truth?" Pilate asked.

John 18:36-38 NLT