
Stand-Alone Message

RETHINKING GRACE AND TRUTH

John 1:1-14

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Introduction: What does it mean to be filled with grace and truth? John famously tells us that these two words describe the “fullness” of Christ’s glory (John 1:14). But we often struggle to know how to embody them in daily interactions.

Are *grace* and *truth* to be held in tension? Should they be balanced on a “teeter totter” to avoid too much of one or the other? What does a posture of grace and truth look like in the real world?

This week, we turn from 1 John to John’s Gospel to find fresh insights into what it *means* to “walk in the light” (1 John 1:7) the way Jesus did—by being filled with grace and truth (John 1:14).

1. Our lives by nature become “full.” (This is both blessing and curse)

2. We cannot be filled with something better till we’re honest about what fills us now.

3. Beyond the 50/50 view of grace and truth. (Or, stepping off the “teeter totter.”)