

# Living as People of Grace and Truth

John 1:14-17

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“It just seems to me Christians are mad at the world and mad at each other. They are so negative, they seem unhappy. I have no desire to be like them and stay upset all the time.”

- A non-Christian's view of Christians

*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*

*(John 13:34-35)*

*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. 15 (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.’”)*

*16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. (John 1:14-17)*

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When Scripture say that Jesus was full of grace, it means that He had a winsome personality. He was kind and loving. He demonstrated such grace to people who didn't deserve it.

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When the Scripture says that Jesus was full of truth, it means that He embodied, demonstrated, and taught the faithful, reliable, trustworthy truth of God.

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Jesus was always full of both grace and truth. He perfectly balanced grace and truth in the way He lived and in the things He taught.

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