

***“Grace and Truth” (John 1:14-18) NIV***  
***What Is A Christian? sermon series***  
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## **John 1:14**

The word became flesh and lived for a while among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

## **John 1:15-18**

John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’” From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but God the only Son, who is at the Father’s side, has made him known.

## **John 13:34-35**

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

If you want to know what Jesus meant by what he said, look at what he did. Love like Jesus loved, with truth and grace. Hold up biblical standards of truth with enormous helpings of grace.

Truth says, “You’re accountable.”

Grace says, “You’re forgiven!”

**MY NEXT STEP:** *Am I full of both grace and truth? If not, which do I need to grow to be more like Jesus?*

## **QUESTIONS FOR MY TIME WITH GOD:**

1. What do I find confusing about grace and truth?
2. In what circumstances do I need to be more of a “truth-speaker”?
3. In what circumstances do I need to be more of a “grace-giver”?
4. Read John 1:14 and John 1:15-18. Comment on your understanding of grace and truth. Which comes easier (more naturally) for you and why?
5. Pastor Duane said, sin always has a “GOTCHA!” What do you think that means?