

A ONE-SIDED JESUS?

John 1:14-18

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*Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and **abounding in lovingkindness and truth**; who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations." Exodus 34:6-7*

Do you have a proper balance in your understanding of Jesus?

1. Jesus is full of grace.

A. Grace is God's undeserved love and kindness in action.

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9

B. Grace is what saves us and sustains us.

2. Jesus is full of truth.

A. Truth is Jesus Himself and the Word of God.

I am the way, and the truth, and the life. John 14:6

Sanctify them in the truth; Your Word is truth. John 17:17

B. Truth is not moldable or situational, but absolute.

C. Truth is what sets us free.

*You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.
John 8:32 CEV*

3. Jesus wants His followers to be balanced in grace and truth.

A. Truth-heavy Christians can be legalistic and judgmental.

B. Grace-heavy Christians can be morally weak and licentious.

*Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, **ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness** and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. Jude 1:3-4*

C. The big issue facing us in the last days is the lack of truth.

When it comes to grace and truth, are you like the real Jesus?