

Message from God's Life-Giving Word

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The Bottom Line

The Truth about Grace

Grace: What we crave _____ when our guilt is exposed

What we are _____ to extend when confronted
with the guilt of others

* Grace is both _____ and _____

The Kicker: We cannot _____ or _____ Grace
for what it is until we are convinced we don't deserve it.

*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*

Notes on Matthew 9:1-13:

Notes on John 8:1-11:

Notes on Luke 23:32-43

* Like life, Grace is not _____.

*The Law and the Prophets were until John; **since then the good news** of the kingdom of
God is preached and **everyone** is forcing his way into it. Luke 16:16*

Next Steps

1. When we find something attractive, we want it to be true. Journal why you think many people have trouble seeing Jesus/Christianity as attractive? What are the differences between these two statements: "I don't believe Christianity is true," and, "I don't want it to be true." Do you think there are common experiences those who have an, "I don't want it to be true," mentality might share?
 2. Read John 1:14. Grace can only be experienced in the context of a relationship. Why was Jesus coming to earth an essential part of God's plan to give us grace? As a friend and eyewitness to Jesus ministry, what did John mean by, "We have seen his glory?"
 3. What is the difference between keeping a balance of grace and truth and being full of grace and truth? Do you find yourself trying to keep the two in balance? How's it going? Jesus never watered down the truth or turned down grace. Which way do you lean? when confronted with someone else's sin?
- REMEMBER:** *Your time in daily devotion and prayer is not just for your benefit. It's also for the benefit of others. Share what God is teaching you.*