

Questions About Accountability for Biblical Truths and Grace

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Will those who know all the biblical truths really be held accountable or will Grace cover me?

Answer:

This is a powerful and sobering question — one that goes to the heart of **truth, accountability, and grace**. Let's look at it through the lens of **Scripture**, with both **seriousness and hope**.

1. Biblical Truth Increases Responsibility

Jesus said: “**To whom much is given, much will be required.**”— *Luke 12:48*

“And that servant which **knew his lord's will**, and prepared not himself... shall be **beaten with many stripes.**”— *Luke 12:47*

In other words:

- Knowing truth is not **neutral**.
- The more light we are given, the more **God expects us to walk in it**.

This does **not** mean we must be perfect. But it does mean we must not **neglect, resist, or reject** known truth.

2. Grace Does Not Excuse Willful Rebellion

Hebrews 10:26 —“If we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins...”

This isn't about slipping or struggling. It's about *knowingly rejecting* what God has revealed.

Grace **does** cover our weakness, but **not our willful refusal** to obey what we know to be true.

3. Grace Empowers Us to Walk in Truth

Grace is **not a license to disobey** — it's power to overcome.

Titus 2:11-12 – “For the grace of God... teaches us to say ‘No’ to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives...”

So:

- **Grace covers us** when we stumble.
- **Grace empowers us** to obey God's Word.
- **Grace never contradicts truth** — it fulfills it.

Romans 6:1-2 – “Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid!”

4. Walking in the Light Keeps You Safe

“But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship... and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”— *1 John 1:7*

When you respond to truth with a **willing heart**, even if you're still learning or struggling, God honors that.

But if we **hide from truth** or **excuse our disobedience**, we risk growing **cold or callous** to the Holy Spirit's conviction.

5. Assurance for the Sincere Believer

If you're asking this question with **humility and hunger**, that's already evidence the Holy Spirit is working in you. That's grace!

Philippians 1:6 – “He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion...”

Psalms 103:13-14 – “As a father pities his children, so the LORD pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers we are dust.”

God isn't waiting to strike — He's waiting to **transform**.

So, in summary:

Truth	Response
Knowing truth increases responsibility	So don't ignore or delay obedience
Grace doesn't cover rebellion	But it covers weakness and empowers change
Walking in the light = forgiveness	Even if you're not perfect
God looks at the heart	Are you surrendered? He'll do the rest

Final Word:

Grace doesn't lower the standard — it lifts you up to meet it.

If you know truth, walk in it. If you struggle, fall into grace — not to escape obedience, but to find the strength to obey.