

Good News From Chardon

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Grace and Truth

Grace and Truth. Like the old song said, "You can't have one without the other!" More importantly, it's what the Apostle John said about Jesus: "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 ESV – emphasis mine).

For some reason, Christianity seems to be divided over the combination of these two terms. On the one side are those who are all in when it comes to grace. They love to quote, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2.8 ESV). And that's certainly what grace is, the extension of God's love to a totally undeserving world. Without grace none of us have a hope of being saved. According to John 1.14, because Jesus was born into this world we all can have hope; we are given in him a vision of the fullness of God's grace. Praise God for His gift of grace!!

But on the other side are those who are all in when it comes to truth. They love to quote "and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" and "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth" (John 8.32; 17.17 ESV). The emphasis on this side is for all of us to "do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2.15 ESV). Praise God for his word of truth!!

What did people see in Jesus when he lived among them? What did he reveal about God the Father? John 1.14 says he revealed both the fullness of grace and truth! Not one or the other. Grace and truth are compatible in Jesus. "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ" (John 1.17). He didn't come to polarize his followers like what we see so much of today. Instead, he prayed for unity among his followers, and through this unity to proclaim the balance of grace (God's gift) and truth (God's word) to the world, so they could also see and experience the love of Jesus and the Father (John 17.20-23). What we see in Jesus is that both grace and truth are necessary to draw us into the heart and presence of God. We are instructed by God through the writings of Paul to be "eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to one hope that belongs to your call – one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all ..." (Ephesians 4.3-6 ESV).

Grace and truth are not enemies unless we take our eyes off of Jesus. Jesus became flesh so that we would see in him the fullness of grace and truth!

Joe Chesser preaches for the Fruitland Church of Christ,
Fruitland, MO.

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark
Song Leader: Doug
Opening Hymn:
119—Rock Of Ages
Opening Prayer: Dale
Hymn:
229—Victory In Jesus
Scripture Reading: Ryan
John 1:10-18
Hymn:
321—At The Cross
Lord's Supper: Robert
Hymn:
361—This World Is Not My Home
Sermon: Mark
Invitation Hymn:
616—Let Him In
Closing Hymn:
659—Now The Day Is Over
Closing Prayer: Ray

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
May 21-25
Gospel Meeting
Chardon Church of Christ
Speaker: Mark Lance from Louisiana

CALENDAR

Mar. 12—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark
Mar. 12-17— Gospel Meeting Dayton Church
of Christ
Mar. 15—(b) Jackson
Mar. 17—(b) Christopher
Mar. 17—(b) Dorene
Mar. 19—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom
Mar. 21—(b) Jerad
Mar. 21—(b) Mary
Mar. 21—(b) Justin

SUNDAY: Bible Study—10:00 am, Worship—11:00 am

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The Word Became Flesh

John 1:10-18

WORD LIST

AFTER	AMOUNG	BECOME
BEFORE	BEHELD	BELIEVE
BLOOD	BORN	BOSOM
CHILDREN	CHRIST	CRIED
DWELT	FATHER	FLESH
GLORY	GRACE	JESUS
JOHN	KNOW	MADE
MOSES	PREFERRED	RECEIVE
RIGHT	TRUTH	WITNESS
WORLD		

J E X B C P E B L O O D V R D
N V Z J V C A M A F V S I P W
N E R D L I H C O P L G J W E
J I T R U T H Q U C H E I W L
E L R M A D E M D T E T S S T
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U B O L L S R O V E I J L Q E
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P Q O W V X A Q G D L E H E B
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A O L P G Z T S I R H C E U G

PRAYER LIST

Mynda's sister-in-laws Father's health. Her friend **Kim's** brain surgery recovery
Mark and **Debbie** as they travel
Ackerman family, **Debra's** health
Ruth is home now & attending services
Roberta, doing Bible study with Tom, stroke recovery
Bonnie's daughters: **Renee's** hand surgery recovery & grandson **Devin** study
Wanda's migraines; son **Allen**, sisters **Lorraine & Joyce**
Mary and her family. **Carl's** gout and hip recovery, **Kathy**, severe feet issues, medical procedure and pain, her sister and friends. She is home
Linda's health and procedures.
Zarna and her family
Juanita, her sister **Betty** and the rest of her family.
Ray and **Barbara** and their family.
Dale's health issues, headaches and his family. His **Mother's** medical treatments. His friend **Riley** (age 6) with cancer. Brother in Christ **Darrell's** surgery. His **Aunt Rosie's** heart and lungs. Cousin with heart issues. 7 year old girl, **Lucie**, with leukemia.
Ray and his family. **Rebecca's** right knee injuries
Pat and her family
Jessie, Doug's friend, health

John 1:10-18

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵ John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.' "

¹⁶ And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*.

“People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”