

Grace and Truth

The Truth about Grace

Col. 1:3-6

I. The origin of Grace Jn. 1:17

- a. Grace comes from the heart of God
 - i. It is a part of His essence
- b. God is a gracious God
 - i. Life – a gift of God
 - ii. Eternal life – an open invitation to all Eph. 2:8-9

II. The Definition of Grace

- a. Unmerited favor, blessing, kindness
 - i. God chose to show grace:
 1. Forgiveness Eph.1:3-7
 2. Reconciliation Col.1:20
 3. Abundant life Jn.10:10
 4. Eternal rewards IITim.4:7-8
 5. His own Spirit within you Lk.11:13
- b. Salvation is only possible because of God's grace
 - i. Salvation is what God did for us
 - ii. Grace is why He did it

III. The offense of Grace

- a. Why do some people reject God's grace?
 - i. Because it is an offense to them
 - ii. They prefer a "works" based system
 1. Human pride prefers works – to pay/do something to achieve salvation
 2. This is self-salvation – humanism
- b. Grace cost something great
 - i. In the Garden Gen.3:21
 - ii. On the cross ICor.1:18, 23