

Two Sides, One Coin: God's Grace and Truth

Revelation 14:6-20

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Day 1: The Paradox of
Grace and Truth

Reading:
John 1:14-18

Jesus came "full of grace and truth"—not 50% of each, but 100% of both. This divine paradox challenges us to hold these qualities in perfect tension. Grace without truth breeds moral indifference; truth without grace creates cold legalism. Consider how Jesus embodied both: He spoke truth to the woman at the well while offering living water. He confronted the Pharisees' hypocrisy while weeping over Jerusalem. Today, examine your life: Do you lean too heavily toward judgment or toward compromise? Ask God to help you walk with one foot in grace and one in truth, reflecting His heart to a world desperately needing both.

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Day 2: The Humility
That Saves

Reading:
Luke 18:9-14

The tax collector's prayer—"God, be merciful to me, a sinner"—contains the essence of saving faith. He brought no résumé, no list of accomplishments, no self-justification. Only humble acknowledgment of his need. The Pharisee's prayer was really no prayer at all, just self-congratulation disguised as worship. Salvation begins when we stop trying to earn God's approval and simply receive His mercy. What are you trusting in today? Your church attendance? Your good deeds? Your theological knowledge? These things cannot save. Only humble dependence on Christ's sacrifice makes us right with God. True worship starts with confession, not comparison.

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Day 3: The Gospel to
All Nations

Reading:
Revelation 14:6-7;
Matthew 24:14

God's heart beats for every tribe, tongue, and nation. Even during the tribulation, He ensures angels proclaim the gospel worldwide—demonstrating His relentless pursuit of humanity. This should ignite urgency in our hearts today. We have the privilege of sharing Christ now, before judgment comes. Who in your life needs to hear about Jesus? That coworker, neighbor, or family member? God's patience provides opportunity, but opportunity has limits. The gospel must be proclaimed before the end comes. Don't wait for an angel to do what God has commissioned you to do. Share the hope of Christ today with someone who desperately needs to hear it.

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Day 4: Endurance of
the Saints

Reading:
Mark 13:9-13;
Revelation 14:12-13

True faith endures. Those who genuinely trust Christ don't give up when persecution comes or when following Jesus becomes costly. The tribulation saints will face unimaginable pressure to worship the beast, yet many will remain faithful unto death.

While most of us haven't faced martyrdom, we do face daily pressures to compromise—to stay silent about our faith, to blend in with culture, to prioritize comfort over obedience. Blessed are those who endure. Your faithfulness today, in small things, prepares you for greater tests tomorrow. Keep the commandments of God. Maintain your faith in Jesus. Rest assured that those who die in the Lord are blessed, and their deeds follow them.

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Day 5: The Harvest Is
Coming

Reading:
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43;
Revelation 14:14-20

Jesus will separate wheat from weeds, sheep from goats, believers from unbelievers.

This isn't popular teaching, but it's biblical truth. The harvest represents final judgment—a sobering reality that should drive us to our knees in prayer and out into the world with the gospel. How do you know if you're wheat? Not by your achievements or religious activity, but by where you've placed your trust. Have you cried out, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner"? Is your confidence in Christ's blood, not your own righteousness? If so, you're secure. Let this assurance fuel bold witness.

Others need to hear before the harvest comes. Stand firm. Share fearlessly. Trust completely.

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