

## Full of Grace and Full of Truth

(John 1: 14)

### I. Grace (Definitions):

- A. "The grace of God is love freely shown toward guilty sinners, contrary to their merit and indeed in defiance of their demerit (Romans 3:21-26). It is God showing goodness to persons who deserve only severity and have no reason to expect anything but severity." (J I Packer)
- B. "Grace is the overflowing favor of God; you can always reckon it is there to draw upon (2 Corinthians 6:1-2). Prayer is the exercise of drawing on the grace of God." (Oswald Chambers)
- C. "Grace is not a free pass for saints to recklessly sin or blanket coverage to continue in sin (1 John 3: 9-10)." (Michael Spottsville)

### II. There are four crucial truths which the doctrine of grace presupposes:

- A. The moral depravity of humanity (Romans 1: 21-27).
- B. The retributive justice of God (Romans 2: 1-4).
- C. The spiritual impotence of man (Romans 3: 19-20).
- D. The sovereign freedom of God (Psalm 50: 8-13; Acts 17:24-25).

### III. What is grace to the sinner turned saint:

- A. Grace is the source of the pardon of sin (Romans 8:32).
- B. Grace is the motive of the plan of salvation (Ephesians 2: 8-10)
- C. Grace is the guarantee of the preservation of the saints (1 Peter 1: 3-5).

### IV. Truth is God's nature and He has got in Him to be nothing else. That is why He cannot lie." (JIP) (Titus 1:2; Numbers 23:19; 1 Samuel 15:29; Hebrews 6:18)

- A. God's commands are true (Psalm 119:86).
- B. God's promises are true, for God keeps them (Psalm 119:90)
- V. "True Christians are people who acknowledge and live under the word of God. They submit without reserve to the word of God written in the "Book of Truth" (Daniel 10:21), believing the teaching, trusting the promises, following the commands." (JIP)