

GRACE & TRUTH – 2
The Embrace of Jesus

John 1:11-14 (NKJV)

Grace as unmerited favor?

- We did not occasion God's love or favor
- God favored and blessed us based on His character **NOT** our conduct
- We cannot earn or deserve Grace
- We can learn to receive and grow in different kinds and measures of grace (truth)

Grace is a means to an end (relationship with God)

Grace is an embrace of Jesus

Grace has brought salvation (relationship / fellowship)

2 Timothy 2:1-3 (NKJV)

Grace involves the embrace of Jesus.

Unmerited favor?? NOT incorrect **BUT** incomplete

1 Corinthians 15:8-10 (NKJV)

Grace to **BE**: - Saved
- A new creation
- Children of God
- Righteous and truly holy
- Blessed

Grace to **DO**: - Pastor / serve others
- Overcome sin
- Be a blessing

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (NKJV)

Grace is God's **strength** in human weakness

Grace is God's **power** when we feel powerless

Hebrews 4:14-15 (NKJV)

Find grace? – not earn or deserve but **FIND**

In time of need? – Grace cannot be stored up!!

Take Away

- Unmerited favor is not incorrect, but it is incomplete
- Grace is the power to be and to do in God's Kingdom
- Grace is the embrace of a person by Jesus