



WHO IS GRACE TABLE?

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CALL TO WORSHIP

*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



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2016 Lifeway Research did a survey in geared around engagement with the Scriptures:

- Only 20% of Americans say they've read the entire Bible at least once.
- Only 22% percent say they systematically read through a section of the Bible a little each day.
- 47% say the Bible is 100 percent accurate in all it teaches.
- 51% say the Bible was written for each person to interpret as he or she chooses.
- 74% disagree with the idea that even the smallest sin deserves eternal damnation.
- 77% say people must contribute their own effort for personal salvation.
- 52% say good deeds help them earn a spot in heaven. And 45% believe there are many ways to get there.

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2022 Ligonier Ministries State of Theology Report:

Among US Adults:

•The Bible, like all sacred writings, contains helpful accounts of ancient myths but is not literally true.

53% agreed

Among US Evangelicals:

•God accepts the worship of all religions, including Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.

56% agree

•Jesus was a great teacher, but he was not God.

43% agree

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IN THE OT- GOD PROMISES TO POUR OUT HIS SPIRIT ON ALL FLESH

“AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS AFTERWARD, THAT I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON ALL FLESH. JOEL 2:28A

IN THE NT- THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES & STAYS

NEVERTHELESS, I TELL YOU THE TRUTH: IT IS TO YOUR ADVANTAGE THAT I GO AWAY, FOR IF I DO NOT GO AWAY, THE HELPER WILL NOT COME TO YOU. BUT IF I GO, I WILL SEND HIM TO YOU. -JHN. 16:7

THE HOLY SPIRIT:

Regenerates Us—Jhn. 3:7-8

Indwells Us—Jhn. 14:6-7

Convicts Us—Jhn. 16:8

Comforts Us—Acts 9:31

Teaches Us—Jhn. 14:26

Leads Us—Rmns. 8:14

Points Us to Jesus—Jhn. 15:26

Grants Us Wisdom—Eph. 1:16-19

Sanctifies Us—1 Cor. 6:11

Equips Us With Gifts—1 Cor. 12:4-7

All growth in us is a gracious work of the Holy Spirit within us.

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42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47

Truth-Seeking is rooted in being devoted to the Word.

BIBLICAL BASIS:

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. -Ps. 1:1-2

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. -Ps. 119:105

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God[a] may be complete, equipped for every good work. -2 Tim. 3:16-17

take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. -Eph. 6:17

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. -Mt. 24:35

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. -Heb. 4:12

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. -Col. 3:16-17

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” 37 And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. -Mt. 22:36-38

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. -Jhn. 17:17

*Our hearts cannot love what
our minds do not know.*

God is the end goal in our seeking of truth.

BIBLICAL BASIS:

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful (true) God. -Ps. 31:5

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. -Jhn. 14:6

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. -Heb 13:8

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; For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. -Jhn. 1:14,17

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. -Jhn. 14:16-17

13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. -Jhn. 16:13

We find within the pages of Scripture an invitation to engage and commune with the Trinitarian God of truth!

HOW WE DESIRE TO SEEK TRUTH AT GRACE TABLE:

A. WE DESIRE FOR YOU TO SEEK TRUTH IN THE SCRIPTURES PERSONALLY.

1. Year Long Read Through

-Mccheyne Plan—Through the NT & Psalms 2x Year & Rest of Bible Once (4 Chapters Daily)

2. In-Depth Study of a Book of the Bible

-Ex. Psalter, Galatians, Etc.

-Study Bible, Bible Dictionaries, Commentaries, Etc.

-Living by the Book by Howard Hendrix

B. WE DESIRE FOR YOU TO SEEK TRUTH IN THE SCRIPTURES COMMUNALLY.

1. Be Devoted to Studying the Text Ahead of Sunday Gatherings

2. Dive Into Missional Communities & Study the Word

-Launching Back Up in the Spring | lance@gracetable.church

2. Take Advantage of Equipping Opportunities Offered

-Systematic Theology, Spiritual Formation, Church History | tyler@gracetable.church

-Men's & Women's Bible Studies | Men (Tuesday Nights 7:30 | tyler@gracetable.church |

Women (Saturday Mornings 8:00) April Nicholson (251.623.9946)

-Men's Retreat This Spring (Something in the Works for Women As Well Possibly)

C. We Desire for You To Seek Truth in the Scriptures as a Family.

1. Personally: Prayer, Family Study, Etc.

-Jesus Story Book Bible, The Biggest Story Bible

-Books & Resources: Little Pilgrim's Progress, the Biggest Story, Family Discipleship, Tiny Theologians, Etc.

2. Communally: Generational Ministries

Children's Ministry:

The Kids Table | Babies-3rd Grade | Weekly on Sun Mornings | The Biggest Story | Retreats |

kids@gracetable.church & The Big Kids Table | 4th-6th Grade | Bayleigh Malone (251.463.7516)

Student Ministry: Weekly on Wed Nights 6:30 Pm | students@gracetable.church



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BENEDICTION

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

-2 Corinthians 13:14



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