

Jesus Is...

Grace

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John 1:1-2 *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God..."*

DEFINE GRACE IN YOUR OWN WORDS:

Sin Has 3 Major Components

1) GUILT

- That is my status of GUILTY.

2) POWER

- The inner drive to do what is WRONG.

3) EFFECT

- The CONSEQUENCES of what I do wrong.

The Beatdown and The Burden of Rules

1) Rules are often ARBITRARY.

2) Rules are POWERLESS.

3) Rules Are EXTERNAL.

- a. The woman caught in ADULTERY.

4) Rules POINT us toward ourselves.

5) Rules are often based on FEAR.

6) Rules EMPHASIZE the Negative.

John 1:1-2; 14-17

"1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God..."

...14 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. 15 John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'" 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known."

Verse 14 *"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."*

- Grace is not an object, thought or principle, it is a PERSON.

Verse 16 *"For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace."*

- Our righteousness doesn't depend on OUR present performance, but on JESUS' finished performance.

Verse 17 *"For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ."*

- Become GOD-conscious and not ME-conscious.