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Grace and Truth Bible Church

Seeking To Strike The Balance Between Holding Fast To Grace, Ministry, And Biblical Separation Pt. 3

- What biblical balances do we need to seek to strike in our lives personally and churches corporately regarding the truths of God's grace?
  1) Showing grace to others and personal _____.
  2) Treating others in grace and church _____.
  3) Ministering to others in grace and _____ _____ due to false teaching.

1. **The believer in Christ…**
   a. We reviewed 16 points in Message 41
2. **The believer in Christ needs to _____ _____ for the truths of Scripture when they are attacked or undermined. (Jude 3-4)**
   a. We reviewed 10 points in Message 42.
3. **In seeking to strike a biblical balance regarding ministry and ecclesiastical separation, we understand that believers should……**
   a. _____ and _____ false teachers who seek to infiltrate or influence the local church (Romans 16:17-18; Acts 20:28-32; 1 Timothy 6:20-21).
      - Why?
        1) Because they are causing _____ and _____ contrary to sound doctrine.
      - What had been entrusted?
        1) The body of Christian _____.
        2) The _____ once delivered to the saints.
   b. Refuse to _____ of, _____ alongside, or financially _____ churches or ministries that reject, distort, or undermine the truths of God's Word (2 John 7-11; 2 Cor.6:14-18).
      - Why?
        1) Because doing so _____ support, participation and approval.

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c. Seek to minister ____ those who are doctrinally confused or in error through sound biblical teaching and materials, when they are receptive to grace teaching and there is a reasonable opportunity to help them grow in biblical belief and practice—provided we are free to proclaim God's truth without _____ or doctrinal _____ (Titus 3:10; 2 Timothy 2:22-26; Acts 19:8-10).

- God's heart is: Patient, Gracious, Longsuffering:
  1) Biblical separation is never _____.
  2) It follows a biblical _____.

d. Continue ministering while there is evidence of _____ to biblical _____; exercise discernment and refrain from prolonged ministry when individuals or groups persist in doctrinal _____ or continued affiliation with apostate organizations (2 Timothy 2:15-21).

- The goal is always restoration.
  1) Never at the expense of _____!

e. Seek to _____, _____, and _____ with individuals, churches, and ministries of like precious faith—those who faithfully uphold and proclaim the truths of God's Word (3 John 5-8).

- We separate from error.
  - We unite around truth.
- Minister graciously.
  - Stand firmly for the truth.
  - Separate from persistent doctrinal error,
  - Actively support those who faithfully proclaim God's Word.

4. How does all of this apply to you?

a. If you have never trusted Christ, place your _____ in Him alone for eternal salvation.

b. If you have trusted Christ, continue trusting Him _____ in your faith-rest walk.

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