

# TRUE GRACE

*Scripture Reading:*

**John 18: 33-38**

# REVIEW AND INTRODUCTION

- ◆ Definition of grace: “grace is simply love directed at an undeserving object (us), AFTER God’s righteousness and holiness have been satisfied.”
- ◆ We have been graced (“made acceptable” – KJV) in the Beloved (Eph 1:6) by election before the foundation of the universe (“world” - KJV) – Eph 1:4
- ◆ God’s grace is the foundation of our salvation – Eph 2:8

## REVIEW AND INTRODUCTION (continued)

- ◆ We are warned against past and present perverters of God's grace, those who promote
  - ◆ Sinning as an expression of grace – Jude 4, Rom 6:1
- ◆ Grace providing the opportunity to work or earn salvation - Eph 2:8=9, Titus 3:5
- ◆ Now we are encouraged to know and hold firmly to TRUE grace

# CORRECTLY UNDERSTANDING GOD'S REVELATION OF TRUTH (REALITY)

Jesus' declaration of truth to His believing disciples – Jn 14:6



Jesus' declaration of truth to Pilate – Jn 18:37



Pilate's human understanding of truth (incomplete and relative) – Jn 18:38



# GOD'S GRACE, IN TRUTH FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING (Col 1:3-6)

- ◆ Thanksgiving and worship concerning the Colossian believers – vs 3
- ◆ Since hearing of their initial salvation faith and now their love unto all the (fellow) saints – vs 4
- ◆ “Because of the hope (of present-tense salvation) being laid up for you in the heavens” – vs 5
- ◆ They heard and fully, experientially knew the grace of God in truth – vs 6

# GOD'S GRACE DISPLAYED IN I PETER 5:10-12

“Grace” mentioned 8x in this letter

“Grace” displayed many x in this letter

God is “the God of all (true) grace” –vs 10,12

# CONCLUSION

- ◆ It is essential to the NT grace-believer to **KNOW**:
  - ◆ What the grace of God is
  - ◆ That grace is the foundation for our entire salvation
  - ◆ To be warned against false teachers who are teaching perverted grace
  - ◆ Knowing God's true grace as God's authoritative, inerrant Word reveals it
  - ◆ **KNOW GRACE! GROW IN GRACE!**

# CONCLUSION



- Recognize the Scriptures as the ONLY authoritative source of absolute truth, validated by the Holy Spirit – II Timothy 3:16-17.
- “All Scripture is inspired by God...