



**A PROMISING PARADOX**

**A paradox is a statement, argument, or situation that appears self-contradictory or absurd, but upon closer examination reveals a deeper truth or reality.**



**But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong.**

**1 Corinthians 1:27**





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*Grace & Truth*

**Through the Ten Commandments  
and the Law given to Israel, God  
established a standard of truth  
rooted in His own holy character.**



**The New Covenant is often characterized by grace because it was given by Christ and established in His life, death, and resurrection.**



**The promising paradox of grace and truth is that the two exist as one in the person of Jesus.**



**And the Word [*Jesus*] became  
flesh, and dwelt among us, and  
we saw His glory, glory as of the  
only begotten from the Father,  
full of grace and truth.**

**John 1:14**



**What we come to discover in this story is the paradox between God's generous invitation (grace) and the necessity of responding rightly (truth).**



**“Go therefore to the main highways, and as many as you find there, invite to the wedding feast.”**

**Matthew 22:9**



**Grace is God doing for you what  
you do not deserve.**



**“Grace without truth breeds  
deception and moral  
compromise.”**

**Randy Alcorn**



**Grace becomes powerful and transformational when mercy meets us in the midst of our brokenness, not in the denial of it.**



**Grace is a gift that should not be  
compromised.**



**And he sent out his slaves to call  
those who had been invited to  
the wedding feast, and they were  
unwilling to come.**

**Matthew 22:3**



**“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, just as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not have it!”**

**Luke 13:34**



**He came to His own, and those  
who were His own did not receive  
Him.**

**John 1:11**



**The greater lesson in the garments is that there is a right and proper way to enter into the blessings of God's salvation.**



**...a partial hardening has  
happened to Israel until the  
fullness of the Gentiles has come  
in.**

**Romans 11:25**



**“I am the way, the truth, and the  
life, and no one comes to the  
Father but through Me.”**

**John 14:6**



**God's unconditional love has one condition: that we accept the terms of His invitation.**



**“Many people do not want absolutes in doctrines and ethics, simply because absolute truths and standards demand absolute acceptance and obedience.”**

**John MacArthur**



**We have the hope of a Wedding  
Feast because Jesus is the  
condition of God's unconditional  
love.**





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