

Grace & Truth Balanced

GALATIANS 4:21-31

The New Testament

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

Romans

I & II Corinthians

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Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

I & II Thessalonians

I & II Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

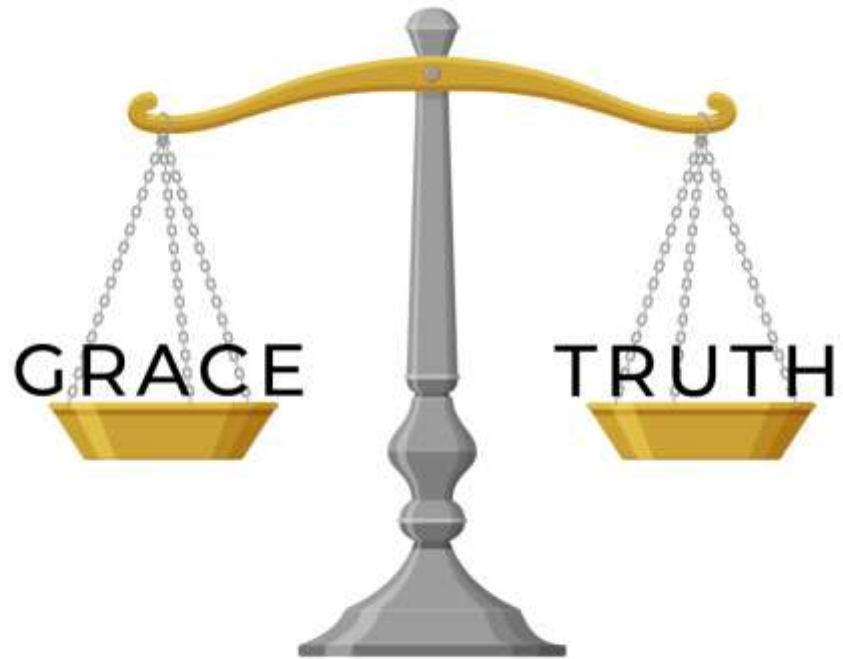
James

I & II Peter

I, II, & III John

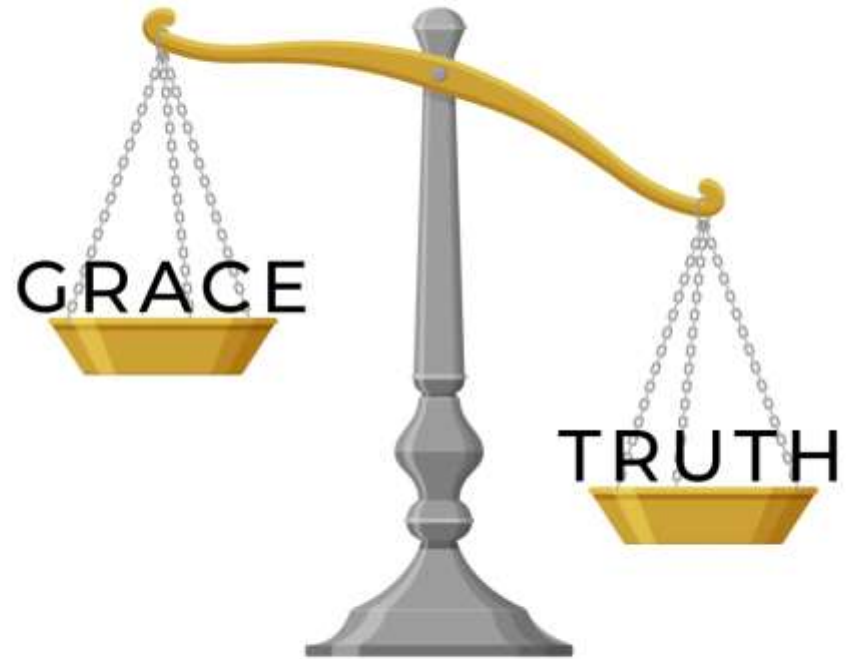
Jude

Revelation



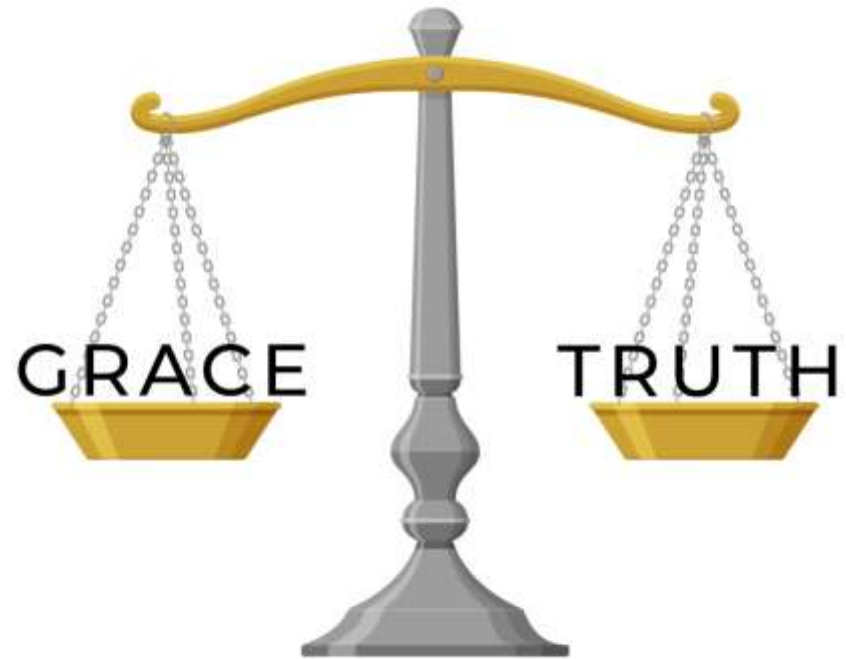
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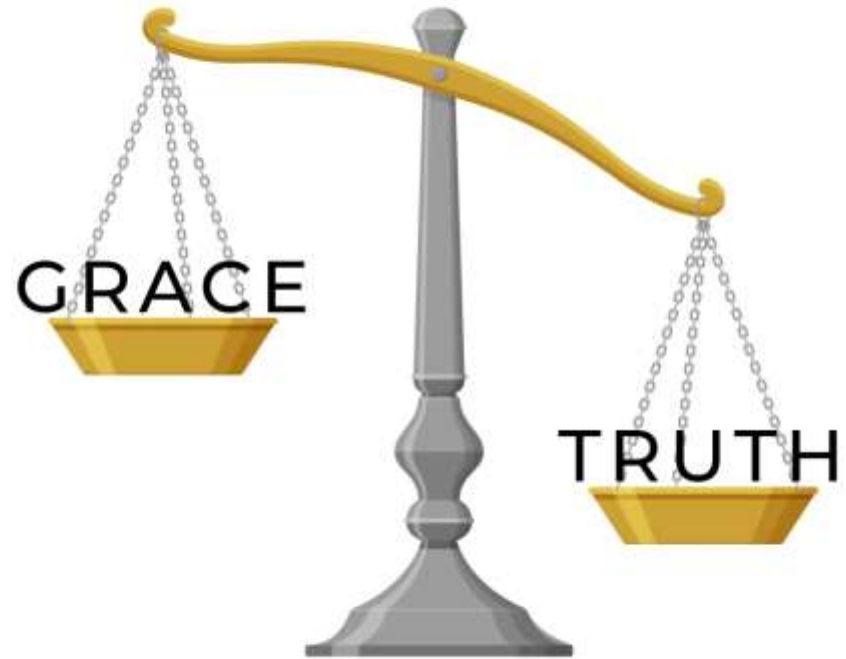
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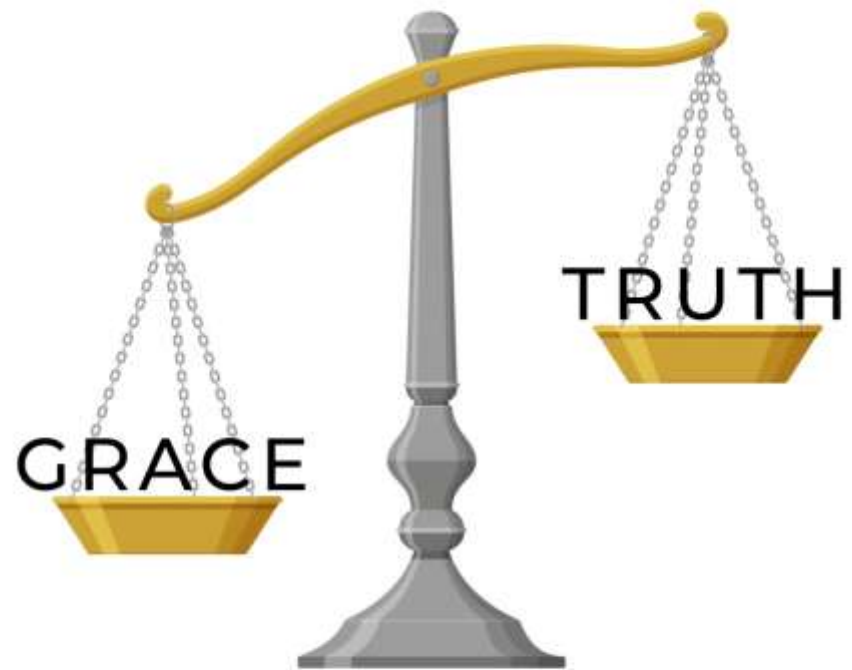
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Addressing Over-Truthers :

overweighted on truth
in the grace-and-truth scales of balance



GALATIANS 4:21-31

Tell me now, you who have become so enamored with the law: Have you paid close attention to that law? Abraham, remember, had *two* sons: one by the slave woman and one by the free woman. The son of the slave woman was born by human conniving; the son of the free woman was born by God's promise. This illustrates the very thing we are dealing with now...

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The two births represent two ways of being in relationship with God. One is from Mount Sinai in Arabia. It corresponds with what is now going on in Jerusalem—a slave life, producing slaves as offspring. This is the way of Hagar. In contrast to that, there is an invisible Jerusalem, a free Jerusalem, and she is our mother—this is the way of Sarah. Remember what Isaiah wrote:

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Rejoice, barren woman who bears no
children,
shout and cry out, woman who has no
birth pangs,
Because the children of the barren woman
now surpass the children of the chosen
woman...

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Isn't it clear, friends, that you, like Isaac, are children of promise? In the days of Hagar and Sarah, the child who came from faithless plotting (Ishmael) harassed the child who came—empowered by the Spirit—from the faithful promise (Isaac). Isn't it clear that the harassment you are now experiencing from the Jerusalem heretics follows that old pattern?

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There is a Scripture that tells us what to do:
“Expel the slave mother with her son, for the
slave son will not inherit with the free son.”

Isn't that conclusive? We are not children of
the slave woman, but of the free woman.

TRUTH #1

Over-Truthers often miss/avoid key truths.

- Have you REALLY played close attention to the law?
- That's not what MY rule book looks like.

TRUTH #2

Over-Truthers often fail to trust God.

- The passage of time wore down their trust.

TRUTH #3

Over-Truthers miss out on the love relationship God wants.

- View God as a hard taskmaster
- God feels so distant.

TRUTH #4

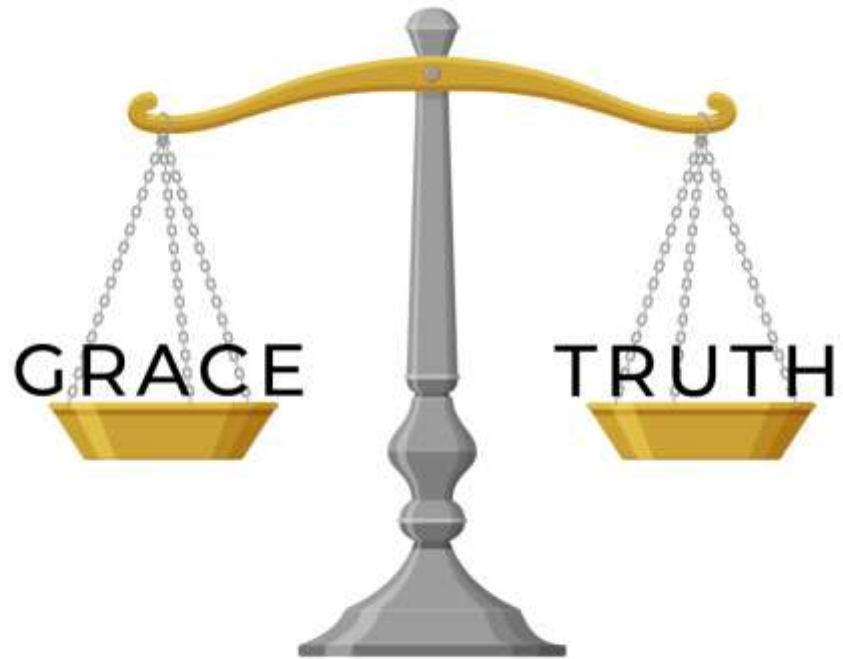
Over-Truthers often harass their free siblings.

- It can hurt to see someone spiritually lighter/freer than you.

TRUTH #5

Grace-Truth Balancers must fight to remain free.

- Expel the slave mother!
- Requires urgency and force
- You were made to be free.



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