

Grace and Truth

John 1:14-And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth (KJV)

God's Holy Church reads from the first chapter of St. John's Gospel on Pascha. Grace and truth are mentioned twice in the Gospel validating the importance. Believers are expected to be fully attentive on the Church's Feast of Feasts. Grace and truth shape and guide the lives of believers to the Heavenly Kingdom. The heart, mind and soul have reason for joy because of God's grace and truth. Jesus Christ is due unending gratitude for being the Source of grace and truth.

John 1:17-For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. (KJV)

Serious believers look carefully and attentively to Jesus for grace and truth. Grace and truth are the basis for devoting continued interest in Jesus Christ. The life of joy in Jesus Christ for all becomes possible due to grace and truth. Heeders of the Gospel have their lives greatly enriched by God's grace and truth. Pascha increases and sharpens the focus on grace and truth for all to consider. Grace and truth are better alternatives for the soul than the perils in the world.

Colossians 1:6-Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth: (KJV)

Grace and truth yield fruit in the lives of believers living faithful to the Gospel. God's Holy Church defines and illumines the path to the Heavenly Kingdom. The Church as Christ's Body nourishes and instructs believers in their journey. Grace and truth affect and guide the consciousness of the believer in daily life. Gratitude for the Lord increases as believers come to understand grace and truth. Grace and truth make possible satisfying hunger in the soul for unity with Christ.

2 John 1:3-Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. (KJV)

Grace and truth are inseparable with the Lord Jesus Christ's love for each person. The present troubled world needs to be more attentive to Christ's grace and truth. Grace and truth reveal the perils of following roads not leading to God's Kingdom. A fallen and corrupt world filled with greed and violence offers a perilous future. God's grace and truth are the pathways to joy revealed in Christ's Resurrection. The Church in her wisdom proclaims grace and truth from Jesus Christ on Pascha.

Bright Friday, Translation of the Relics of St. Sava. April 27/May 10, 2024.

Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic.