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"As many (people) as received Him (Jesus), to them He gave power to become the sons of God, even to those who believe on His Name; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, <u>but of God</u>. And the Word (Jesus) was made flesh, and lived among us. And <u>we beheld His Glory</u>, the Glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father, <u>Full of Grace and Truth</u>. John (the Baptist) bore witness of Him (Jesus), and spoke-loudly, saying, 'This was He of whom I spoke. He who comes after me is preferred before me; <u>for He (Jesus)</u> existed before me. And <u>of His Fulness we have all received</u>, and grace for grace. For the law was given through Moses, but <u>Grace and Truth</u> came through Jesus Christ. No man has seen God at any time; but the Only-begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He (Jesus) has declared (Him)(the Father). (i.e. Jesus has shown the way, and made known the Father to us)" (John 1:12-18)

Full: from the Greek word <u>*pleres*</u> an adjective which means: <u>full</u>; to be full; filled up; abounding in, complete, thoroughly permeated; completely occupied with, fully saturated. In context: Jesus is completely, and thoroughly permeated, and abounding with the Father's Grace and Truth.

Grace: from the Greek word <u>charitos</u> (charis) a noun which means: <u>grace</u>, favor, or loving-kindness; the free blessings and favorable gifts of God towards mankind through His Son Jesus the Christ-Messiah. The state of being committed or commended to the protection and helping favor of God (see Acts 14:26 and Acts 15:40). "the merciful kindness by which God, exerting His holy influence upon souls, turns them (us) to Christ, and keeps, strengthens, and increases them in Christian faith, knowledge, affection, and kindles them to the exercise of the Christian virtues." (Thayer's)

Truth: from the Greek word <u>aletheias</u> a noun which means: <u>truth</u>; properly, true to fact and reality; the opposite of what is feigned, fictitious, or false. Reality, as the opposite of illusion. Truth of idea, sincerity; truth in the moral sphere. Divine truth as revealed to man; in regards to what is true in things pertaining to God and the duties of man.

Grace for Grace: from the Greek words <u>charin anti charitos</u>: a phrase which means: <u>grace for grace</u>. In Context: for us, through Christ Jesus: "Grace in the place of grace, grace succeeding grace perpetually, i. e. the richest abundance of grace, John 1:16 " (Thayer's) (perpetual forgiveness, redemption, sanctification, holiness, acceptance, immortality, etc. ...).

The context is that the Glory of Jesus is evident because He is fully filled with all the Grace and Truth of the <u>Father; especially in regards to the Father's plan of salvation for as many as do</u> receive and believe in Jesus the Only-begotten Devine Son of God.(seeJohn 1:12). This Grace & Truth of and through Christ Jesus, in regards to salvation, supersedes the Law of Moses. This Divine Grace and Truth is now, and was then, fully revealed and manifested in and through Christ Jesus of Glory that Jesus lived and dwelt amongst mankind during His ministry of salvation here on earth. Consider the following:

"Blessed be the **God** <u>and Father</u> of our Lord Jesus Christ, <u>Who</u> has <u>blessed us with all</u> <u>spiritual blessings</u> in heavenly places in **Christ**; according as **He (the Father)** has chosen **us in Him (Jesus)** before the foundation of the world, so that we should be holy and without blame before <u>Him</u> in love; having predestined us unto the adoption of children through Jesus Christ to <u>Himself</u>, according to the good pleasure of <u>His</u> will; to the praise of the <u>Glory of His Grace</u>, in which <u>He has made us accepted in the Beloved</u> (Jesus); in whom we have <u>redemption</u> through His (Jesus) blood, <u>the forgiveness of sins</u>, according to the <u>Riches of His Grace</u>." (Ephesians 1:3-7)

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The Grace of God in and through Christ Jesus was evident early in His earthly life:

"And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. And the child (Jesus) grew, **and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom**: **and <u>the Grace of God was upon Him</u>**." (Luke 2:39-40)

The Grace of God in and through Jesus is for us a Free Gift from the Riches of God's grace:

"But not as the offense, so also is the Free-Gift (*charisma*). For if through the offense of one (Adam) many are dead, how much more the <u>Grace of God</u>, and the gift (*dorea*) in <u>Grace</u>, which is by one Man, Jesus Christ, has abounded unto many. And not as it was through the one who sinned, so is the gift (*dorea*): for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the Free Gift (*charisma*; in grace) is of many offenses unto justification. For if by one man's offense death reigned through one; so much more those who receive the <u>abundance of Grace</u> and of the Gift (*dorea*) of Righteousness shall reign in Life <u>through One: Jesus Christ</u>. Therefore as through the righteousness of One (Jesus) the Free Gift (*charisma*) came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's (Adam's) disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of <u>One (Jesus</u>) shall many be made righteous. Moreover the law entered, so that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, <u>Grace did abound even much more</u>; so that as sin has reigned unto death, even so might Grace reign through righteousness unto Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 5:15-21)

"But God (the Father), Who is rich in mercy, because of <u>His great love with which He</u> <u>loved us</u>; even when we were dead in sins, <u>has made us alive together with Christ</u>. By <u>Grace</u> you (we) are saved; and has raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus; so that in the ages to come He (the Father) might show the exceeding <u>Riches of His Grace</u> in <u>His kindness</u> towards us <u>through Christ Jesus</u>. For <u>by Grace are you (we) saved</u> through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift (*dorea*) of God; and not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, <u>created in Christ Jesus</u> unto good works, which God has before ordained that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:4-10)

"And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, 'Men and brethren, you know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. And God, who knows the hearts, bore them witness, giving them the Holy Spirit, even as He gave unto us; and made no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. Now therefore why do you tempt God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? But we believe **that** <u>through the Grace of the Lord</u> <u>Jesus Christ</u> we shall be saved, even as they." (Acts 15:7-11)

And this Grace and Truth continues even now in heaven, where Jesus sits at the Right Hand of the Father in Glory. Consider the following:

"Seeing then, that we have a Great High Priest (Jesus), who has passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let <u>us</u> hold fast our profession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, <u>yet without sin</u>. Let us therefore come boldly unto <u>the Throne of Grace</u> (where Christ Jesus is seated at the Right Hand of God the Father), so that we <u>may obtain mercy</u>, <u>and find Grace</u> to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:14-16)

Along with the fullness of the Grace of God the Father, the **Glory** of Christ Jesus is manifested also through the fullness of <u>Devine **Truth**</u> that completely, and thoroughly permeates all of whom Jesus is! Consider the following:

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And where I am going you know, **and the Way you know**.' But Thomas said unto Him, 'Lord, we do not know where You are going; how can we know the way?' Jesus said unto him, 'I am the Way, **the Truth**, and the Life: no man comes to the Father, except through Me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now onward you know Him, and have seen Him.'" (John 14:1-6)

In context: Only Jesus reveals the Father to us. Thus only Jesus is the <u>only</u> Way, and the <u>only</u> <u>Truth</u>, and the <u>only</u> Life; and no person can come to the Father, except through Jesus!

"There was a man sent from God, whose name was John (the Baptist). This man came as a witness, to bear witness of the Light (Jesus), so that all (people) might believe through Him. He (John) was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light, **who was <u>the True</u>** Light, who enlightens every man who comes into the world." (John 1:1-9)

Jesus, Himself said "I can of My own self do nothing; as I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, <u>but the will of the Father</u> who has sent Me. If I (alone) bear witness of Myself, My witness <u>is not (lawfully) true</u>. But there is another who bears witness of Me; and I know that the witness which he witnesses of Me **is true**. You sent unto John (the Baptist), and he bore witness <u>unto the Truth</u> (speaking of Jesus); but I do not receive testimony from man (alone). But I say these things so that you might be saved. He (John the Baptist) was a burning and a shining light: and you were willing for a season to rejoice in his light. But I have a greater witness than that of John; for <u>the</u> works which the Father has given Me to accomplish, these same works that I do, these bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. And the Father Himself, who has sent Me, <u>has borne witness of Me</u>." (John 5:30-37)

Jesus said, "My teaching is not Mine, **but His (the Fathers) who sent Me**. If any man is willing do His will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or whether I speak of Myself. He who speaks of himself seeks his own glory. But **He** (speaking of Himself) who seeks **His** (the Fathers) Glory who sent **Him**, <u>the Same (Jesus) is True</u>, and no unrighteousness is in **Him**." (John 7:15-18)

"And the Jews marveled, saying, How does this man know letters (doctrine), having never learned? Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not Mine, but His (the Father's) who sent Me. If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it is of God, or whether I speak of Myself. ... He who seeks His (the Fathers) Glory who sent Him (speaking of Himself), the Same is True, and no unrighteousness is in Him." (John 7:14-18)

"Then said Jesus to those Jews who believed on Him, 'If you continue in My word, then you are My disciples indeed; and you shall know **the Truth (Jesus), and the Truth (Jesus)** shall make you free." (John 8:31-32) (Amen!!!)

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of this 'Fullness' <u>we</u> have all received, and grace upon grace perpetually !! of this 'Fullness' <u>we</u> have received eternal salvation and forgiveness of sin !! of this 'Fullness' <u>we</u> now have an everlasting dwelling place in His Kingdom !!

Thank You Father for the exceedingly great <u>Riches of Your Grace</u> and Your<u>Kindness</u> towards us in and through our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus!!! Amen! And Amen!!