

Grace and Truth John 4:1-26

Intro: The epitome of spiritual maturity is seen in the perfect balance of grace and truth. It is not surprising that Jesus manifests this blended balance as he engages with people. Perhaps we can learn something from His encounter with the woman at the well.

Literary Structure of the Passage

Narration :1-26

Exposition :31-38

Demonstration :39-42

- I. The Prologue 4:1-6
 - A. Location of Jesus

 - B. Symbolic Connection of Water
John 3:5, 4:10-15, 7:38, 19:34

 - C. Time table at the Water table

- II. The Dialogue :7-26
 - A. The Cultural Temporal Issue :7-12
 - Jacobs well :5-6 Gen 33:18-20
 - Samaritans History
 - Contrast of Woman / Nicodemus
 - 6th Hr noon she is social outcast

Mishnah Niddah 4:1 “The daughters of the Samaritans are menstruates from their cradle” and therefore perpetually in a state of ceremonial uncleanness.
She is focusing on temporal water Jesus now moves it up to Spiritual level

Life Application- We need to use the normal to get us to the supernatural discussion with people. Talk about work life or family life to get to spiritual life.

- B. The Central Eternal Issue :13-20
 - 1. Spiritual Issue 13-15
 - OT background to the use of Water

 - Jer 2:13

 - Zec 14:8

 - Ezk 47:9

 - Isa 12:3 49:10 44:3 55:1-7

2. Moral Issue :16-18

“Got to get people lost before you get them saved” L Moyer

Bad news- All have sinned Rom 3:23

More Bad News- The wages of sin is death Rom 6:23

Good News Christ- Died for your sin Rom 3:20-22

More Good News- Believe and have eternal life Rom 4

People today are afraid that if God knew us He would not love us. He knows and loves (Simon Magus Acts 8/ Saul the Christian killer Acts 9)

John 3:16 Loved the world He knew and knows what we are

John 4:7-16 The Woman at the well

John 8:10-11 The Women caught in adultery

C. The Christological Issue :19-26

The Woman- You are a Prophet

The Lord- I am He: the Messiah

The water of Eternal Life is a gift. It is FREE

John 7:37

Rev. 21:6

Rev. 22:17

Eph. 2:8-9

Rom. 4:1-5

Jesus is the one who is full of grace and truth (1:14)

Jesus offers grace upon grace (1:16)

Jesus is the one who speaks the truth in love.

Questions in the Quest of the Christian Life

1. Do you understand the grace of God?

Grace declares the inexhaustible greatness and inestimable

benevolence of our Great & Glorious God.

Human helplessness and depravity provides the perfect backdrop
for the Grace of God to shine forth.

Definition of Grace

Grace is ...Unmerited favor

Undeserved blessing

Unearned beneficence

Unwarranted love

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Fred Chay

Description of Grace

Ephesians 2:4-7 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places*, in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Eph 2:8-9 By grace you have been saved through faith not by works lest any man should boast, it is a gift of God.”

The Object is Jesus John 1:29 Lamb of God

The Action required John 3:15 Look and Live

The Consequence John 4, 5 Eternal Life

2. Can you speak the truth of God?
3. Can you use the normal encounter and turn it into a supernatural event? Life Style Evangelism
4. Are you ready to meet some one at the well? What will you tell them?

The Grace of God is

* Unconditional- Eph 2:8-9

* Unmerited- Rom 4

* Unending- John 5:24