

Full of Grace and Truth

The Church's Loving Response
to the LGBTQ Community



Why is this a difficult and divisive topic?

1. The Bible is clear, but we have adopted a progressive *worldview*
2. *Sin has corrupted* our hearts and minds
3. Because the LGBTQ issue is *really about people* created in God's image

**Welcoming
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**GRACE at the
expense
of TRUTH**

**TRUTH with no
thought of
GRACE**

“Grace?”

no Truth

Pastor inviting drag queen to church for ‘children’s sermon’ is sign of ‘dying United Methodism’

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From Christian Post
Reporter - Oct 13, 2022

“Truth?” No Grace

From NBC NEWS - June 9, 2022

Texas pastor says gay people should be 'shot in the back of the head' in shocking sermon

Pastor Dillon Awes of Stedfast Baptist Church in Watauga said gay people "are dangerous to society" and "all homosexuals are pedophiles."



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Joh 1:14 ESV And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, **full of grace and truth.**

Joh 1:17 ESV For the law was given through Moses; **grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.**

Joh 8:2-11 ESV Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. 3 **The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery,** and placing her in the midst 4 they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. 5 Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. **So what do you say?"**

6 This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. **Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground.** 7 And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "**Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.**" 8 And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground.

9 But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. 10 Jesus stood up and said to her,

"Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" 11 She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, **"Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more."**

Jer 17:9-13 ESV The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? 10 "I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds." 11 Like the partridge that gathers a brood that she did not hatch, so is he who gets riches but not by justice; in the midst of his days they will leave him, and at his end he will be a fool.

12 A **glorious throne set on high** from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary. 13 O LORD, the hope of Israel, all who forsake you shall be put to shame; those who turn away from you shall be written in the earth, for they have forsaken the LORD, **the fountain of living water.**

1Co 6:9-11 ESV Or do you not know that the
unrighteous **will not inherit the kingdom of God?**

Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral,
nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice
homosexuality, 10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor
drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the
kingdom of God. 11 And **such were some of you.**

But **you were washed, you were sanctified, you
were justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ
and by the Spirit of our God.

Joh 3:16-17 ESV "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 **For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.**

Joh 8:31-34 ESV So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and **you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.**" 33 They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" 34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.**

Tit 2:11-14 ESV For the **grace** of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

1Ti 3:15 ESV If I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the **household of God**, which is the church of the living God, a **pillar and buttress of the truth**.

I hope we could say along with Jesus,
“**neither do I condemn you**” and “**go
and sin no more**”

May we all find ***the glorious throne***
where we can worship Jesus as Lord

May we all find ***the fountain of living
waters***, because only HE can satisfy