

The Divine Design: God's Plan for Marriage and Family

FAMILY PROBLEMS AND THE GRACE OF GOD

John 1:14-18

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And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness of Him, and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'" For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.
John 1:14-18

What is God's way to deal with the problems of family life?

1. Everyone faces problems in marriage and family.

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world." John 16:33

A. The very best of us is grossly imperfect.

"THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE."
Romans 3:10

For all of us have become like one who is unclean, And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. Isaiah 64:6

B. The very best Christians face trials and temptations.

C. The very best marriages and families still have struggles.

2. Every Christian can employ the grace and truth of Jesus.

A. Jesus is abounding in both grace and truth.



B. Jesus wants us to build our families on grace and truth.

1. Truth is the foundation for everything.

Your kingdom is built on truth and justice.

Psalm 89:14 ERV

*Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne;
Lovingkindness and truth go before You. Psalm 89:14 NAS*

*[Love] does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices
with the truth. 1 Corinthians 13:6*

2. Grace is the often-forgotten counterpart.

C. Jesus wants us to treat our family as He treats us.

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

Revelation 22:21

1. Grace is not a license to sin.

*For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand
marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our
God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.*

Jude 1:4

2. Grace is seeing what matters and what doesn't.

3. Grace is responding/confronting in love and kindness.

4. Grace is forgiving and letting it go.

If our homes are built on grace and truth, we will enjoy the fullness of the Lord.