

# TRUTH WARS: 500 YEARS AND COUNTING!

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## Introduction:

**Key Point:** *The degree to which we understand the reality of God's grace – is the degree to which we will know and hear and walk with Jesus intimately.*

## Three Life-Changing Truths for “Getting Grace”:

1. Always look for \_\_\_\_\_ in the Scripture (both OT and NT)
2. Understand the difference between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
→ Ephesians 2:1-10
3. Trust in the \_\_\_\_\_ of grace  
The distinction between law and gospel is the highest art in Christendom...  
Virtually the whole of the Scriptures and the understanding of the whole of  
theology depends upon the true understanding of the law and the gospel  
(Martin Luther, commentary on Galatians).  
  
→ Colossians 2:6-7  
  
→ Romans 6:14

## The Power of Identity:

### Webster's Dictionary

“Identity” – comes from Latin *idem*, meaning “the same.”

The state or fact of being *identical*; *sameness*, as distinguished from  
similitude and diversity

Christ's victory over the penalty and power of sin is \_\_\_\_\_ victory! I am  
one with Him!

## SMALL GROUP Q'S

### Personal Life:

1. Why is it so important that we understand God's grace as not only the key to freedom from sin's penalty, but also it's power over our lives?

### Ponderings:

Discuss the ramifications of each statement, based on Martin Luther's exhortation that the difference between Law and Gospel is the "highest art in all of Christendom..."

2. *"The Law is about keeping rules, whereas the Gospel is about bearing fruit."* How would you further expand upon the meaning and application of this idea for daily life?
3. *"The Law is about being conformed, whereas the Gospel is about being transformed."* How would you further expand upon the meaning and application of this idea for daily life?
4. *"The Law trumpets what we do for God, whereas the Gospel trumpets what God does for us."* How would you further expand upon the meaning and application of this idea for daily life?
5. *"The Law says serve God so you'll be blessed, whereas the Gospel says serve God because you are blessed."* How would you further expand upon the meaning and application of this idea for daily life?
6. *"The Law teaches if I do this, God will do that, whereas the Gospel teaches since God has done that, I will do this."* How would you further expand upon the meaning and application of this idea for daily life?
7. *"The Law says behave in a new way whereas the Gospel says I am a completely new creation."* How would you further expand upon the meaning and application of this idea for daily life?

### Promptings:

Are you actively looking for Jesus as the central theme in every text of Scripture? Do you understand the difference between Law and Gospel? Are you fully trusting in the raw power of God's grace to transform you? Close by honestly sharing about the evidence in your life, or lack thereof...