





Pause for thought.....

Are there ways in which Christians today are tempted to think that they need to obey certain "rules" in order to be accepted by God?

It's not what we do but why we do it

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"Then Jesus called to the crowds and said, "Listen to what I say and try to understand: You aren't made unholy by eating nonkosher food! It is what you say and think that makes you unclean.....For from your heart come the evil ideas which lead you to kill, commit adultery, and do other immoral things; to rob, lie, and slander others. These are what defile; but there is no spiritual defilement from eating without first going through the ritual of ceremonial handwashing!" Matthew 15:10-11, 19-20

Philippians 3:3

"We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put no confidence in human effort...."

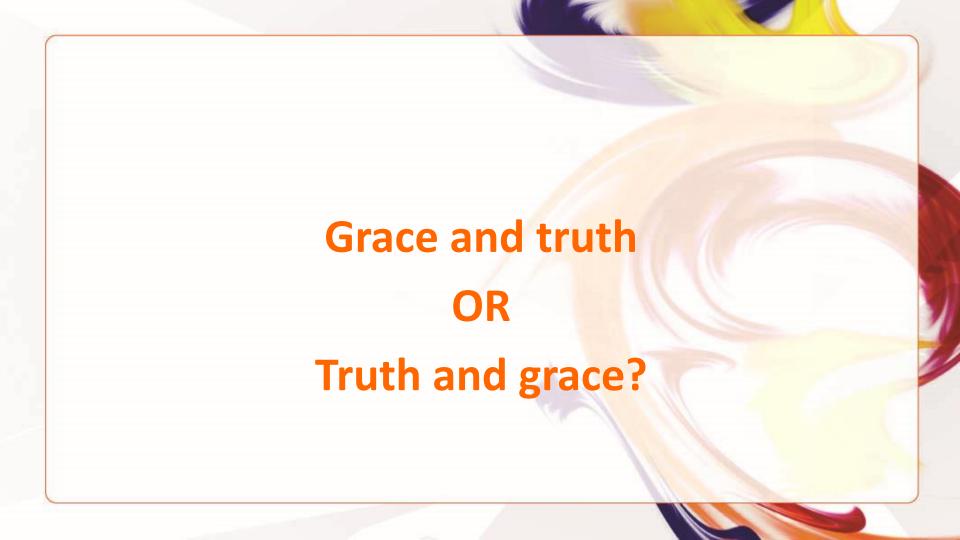
Pride is putting confidence in something other than Christ



Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11

If you make doctrine the main thing, even if you're right, you're wrong!



Areas of pride....?

Write down areas of your life where you now realise that you have been proud. Consider, for example, your attitude towards:

- Family members
- Church leaders
- Christians from other parts of the Church
- Work colleagues

Consider too if you have been proud of:

- Your understanding of Christian doctrine
- Your worldly achievements
- The things you have done for God

Lord Jesus, I confess and renounce that I was proud by/towards (Say what you did and to whom). I now choose to have the same attitude You had. I humble myself before You and before other people. I declare the truth that I am in no way better than they are and I choose from now on to consider them more significant than myself. Thank You that, because I know I am Your child, I can rely on You to lift me up in due course. In Your name. Amen.