



NVC Mission

Empowering People with the Grace and Truth of Jesus Christ

It Starts With Jesus

The law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. (John 1:17 NIV)



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What Is Grace?

From Merriam-Webster:

unmerited divine assistance given to humans for their regeneration or sanctification

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#### What Is Grace?

By the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them —yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. (1 Corinthians 15:10 NIV)

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What Is Truth?

the body of real things, events, and facts



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Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." (John 18:37 NIV)

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What Is At Stake?

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. (Romans 3:23-24 NIV)

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What Is At Stake?

"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NIV)

#### Empowered For Service

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, ... (Ephesians 4:11-13 NIV)

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The kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power. (1 Corinthians 4:20 NIV)

# The Context Of The Kingdom

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place." (John 18:36 NIV)

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Jesus responded and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless someone is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3 NIV)



# The Context Of The Kingdom

"Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33 NIV)



# Communion



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For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."



#### Communion

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11:22-26 NIV)

