

# Full of Grace & Truth

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**Loving the God that Nobody Wants**

# PARADOX

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The ancient Greeks were well aware that a paradox can take us outside our usual way of thinking. They combined the prefix *para-* ("beyond" or "outside of") with the verb *dokein* ("to think"), forming *paradoxos*, an adjective meaning "contrary to expectation." Latin speakers picked up the word and used it to create their noun *paradoxum*, which English speakers borrowed during the 1500s to create *paradox*.

# John 1:14

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And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

# John 1:1-2

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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God.

## Colossians 1:15-18

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<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

## Colossians 1:15-18

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<sup>17</sup> And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. <sup>18</sup> And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence

# MUG OR MUD

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## **I Samuel 14:14**

For we will surely die and *become* like water spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again. Yet God does not take away a life; but He devises means, so that His banished ones are not expelled from Him.

# A Heart Open To God

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## **Mark 6:51-52**

<sup>51</sup> Then He went up into the boat to them, and the wind ceased. And they were greatly amazed in themselves beyond measure, and marveled. <sup>52</sup> For they had not understood about the loaves, because their heart was hardened.

## **Acts 2:37**

Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?”



# Personal Incarnation

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## Luke 8:4-8

And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable: <sup>5</sup> “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. <sup>6</sup> Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture.

# Personal Incarnation

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## Luke 8:4-8

<sup>7</sup> And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. <sup>8</sup> But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.” When He had said these things He cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”