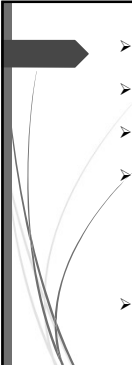




Words of Grace for Troubled Times
Truth-Based Love


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New Life Revisited

- "Holified" Souls = Obedience + Truth → Sincere Love
 - Therefore, show holy love to one another
- Born again, again
 - Two kinds of seeds
- The word of God
 - The living, active, abiding Gospel ("good news")
- Put away *all*
 - Malice (evil, Gr. *kakia*)
 - Deceit
 - Hypocrisy
 - Envy
 - Slander
- Crave
 - Spiritual milk?
 - Growing up into clothes we are already wearing
 - Knowing vs. Tasting

2



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- The erosion of *pure* love
 - *Subjective* perception of love replaces *objective* acts of love.
 - Emotional blackmail
 - Feelings of goodwill and compassion replace biblical discernment in aiding the suffering.
 - When helping hurts
 - The desire to be perceived as "nice" and "kind" by the *average person* leads to fear of man.
 - When it's okay to offend people

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