



The Daniel Dilemma – Part 1 – Grace and Truth

Sunday, September 30, 2018

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Shadrach: “I am fearful of God”

Mishael: “Who can compare to my God? No one!”

Meshach: “I am despised, contemptible, and humiliated”

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✓ Create a _____.

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John 1:14 (NIV) The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of **grace** and **truth**.

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John 17:17 (NIV) Sanctify them by the truth; **your word is truth**.

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Without truth, we are _____.

Without grace, we are _____.

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Grace _____ us to be free.

Truth _____ us free.

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