



Sermon Outline
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The Right
Vs.
The Left

When Christians lose their _____,
people lose their _____.

Recommendations for handling
a hyper-political environment:

- * **Recognize that listening does not mean _____.**
- * **Allow your _____ mind to override your complaining mind.**
- * **Don't be so open-minded that your _____.**
- * **A closed mind is a good thing to _____.**

Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means
putting space between you and your
_____?

- * **The Right and the Left present two differing viewpoints between which there will always be _____.**
- * **The Right tends to be staunch advocates for _____.**
- * **The Left tends to be staunch advocates for _____.**

Jesus provides the ideal resolution to
this tension because He is full of both
_____ and _____.

John 1:14 - The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, **full of grace and truth.**

There's a reason the world
needs both grace and truth.

- * *Truth without grace is mean. Grace without truth is meaningless.*
- * *Truth without grace is condemnation. Grace without truth is compromise.*
- * *Truth without grace is prison. Grace without truth is chaos.*
- * *Truth without grace condemns. Grace without truth corrupts.*
- * *Truth without grace leads to legalism. Grace without truth leads to licentiousness.*

Jesus wasn't 50% grace and 50% truth.
He was _____ % grace and _____ % truth.

- * **Jesus affirmed but was also offended by those on _____ of the political aisle.**

What Jesus affirmed about the Right:

1. Devotion to following the rules.
2. Devotion to both seeking and making converts.

What Jesus affirmed about the Left:

1. The devotion of four property destroying friends.
2. Caring about people more than etiquette.

When the Right offended Jesus:

1. Allowing a system of injustice that impoverished people.
2. Having a blatant disregard for people's needs in favor of rule keeping.

When the Left offended Jesus:

1. When He pointed out the ingratitude of nine men.
2. When He identified an ulterior political motive.

Truth _____ us. Grace _____ us.

- * **Recommended reading – *The Grace and Truth Paradox – Responding with Christlike Balance* - by Randy Alcorn**