

# “Life Can Get Messy”

Sermon

*John 1:1–5, 9–14*

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## Congregational Study “Christian” (Week 5 — When Gracie Met Truthy)

- 1) Temptation #1 — Taking the easy road called expediency.

“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. 14 For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few” *Matthew 7:13–14*

- 2) Temptation #2 — Resolving the tension between forgiveness (grace) and accountability (truth).

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. *John 1:14*

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works... *Ephesians 2:8–10a*

- 3) Jesus was, is, and ever will be the fullness of God, so that you may be filled to overflowing.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. *Psalms 23:5*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free... *Romans 8:1–2a*