

Urgently Preach the Word

- *I charge you in the sight of God, and of Christ Jesus, who shall judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: 2 **preach the word**; be **urgent** in season, out of season; **reprove, rebuke, exhort**, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when **they will not endure sound doctrine**, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will **turn their ears away from the truth** and be **turned aside to fables**. 5 But you **be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.** 2Tim 4:1-5*

Reprove/Rebuke

- *unprofitable servants only done our duty Lk. 17:10*
- *Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Mt 7:21*
- *whoever does not bear his cross and forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple. Lk. 14:26-33*
- *I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified. I Cor. 9:24-27*
- *conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; 1Pet. 1:14-17*
- *Eye, hand or foot cause stumble cut it off, pluck it out*

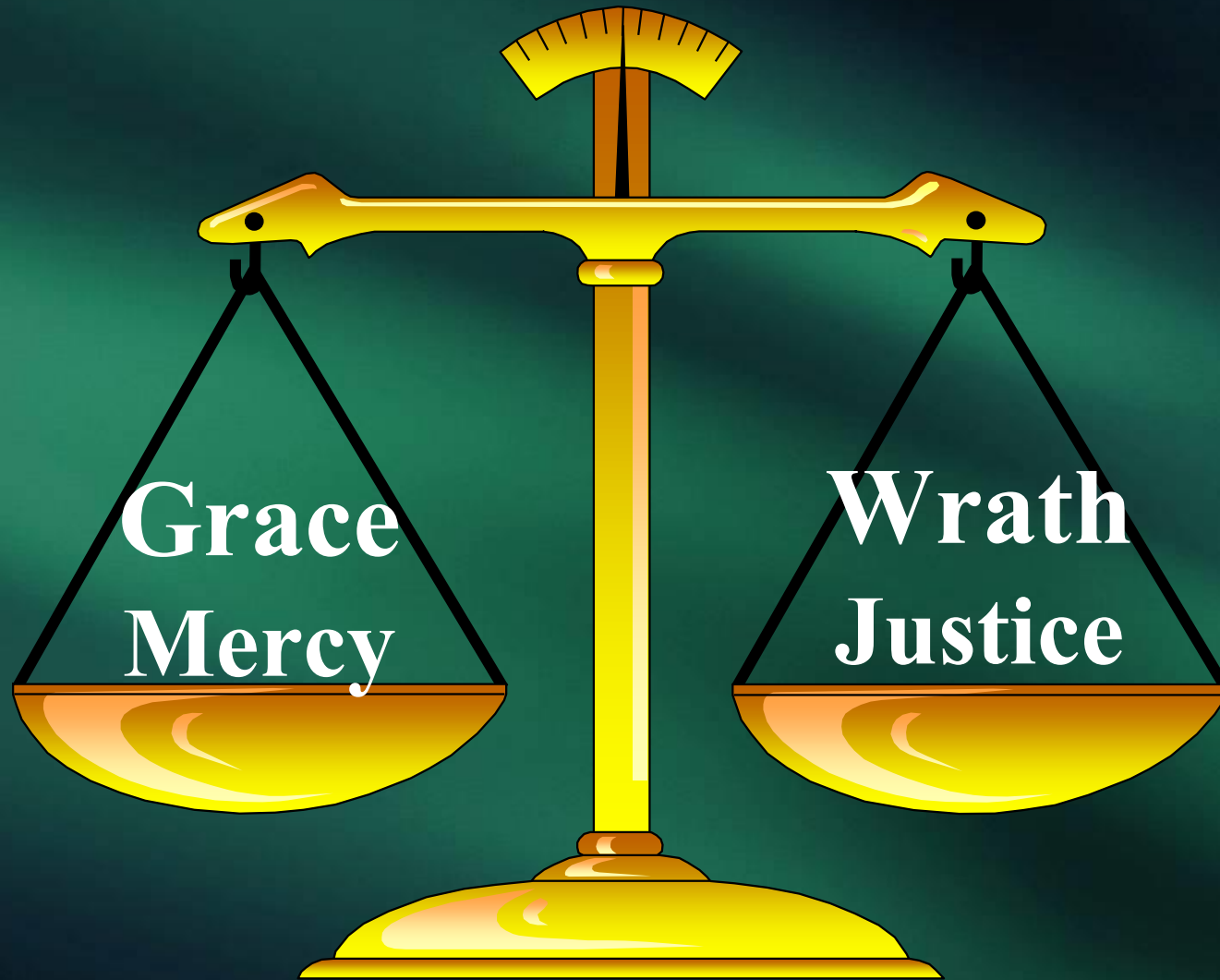
Exhort

*Come unto me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you **rest**. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find **rest unto your souls**. 30 For my yoke is **easy**, and my burden is **light**. Mt. 11:28-30*

***Peace** I leave with you; **My peace** I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let **not** your heart be **troubled**, nor let it be **fearful**. Jn.14:27*

*These things I have spoken to you, that My **joy** may be in you, and that your **joy** may be made **full**. Jn. 15:11*

Balance Between Rebuke and Exhort Balancing God's Grace and God's Wrath



The True Balance of Grace

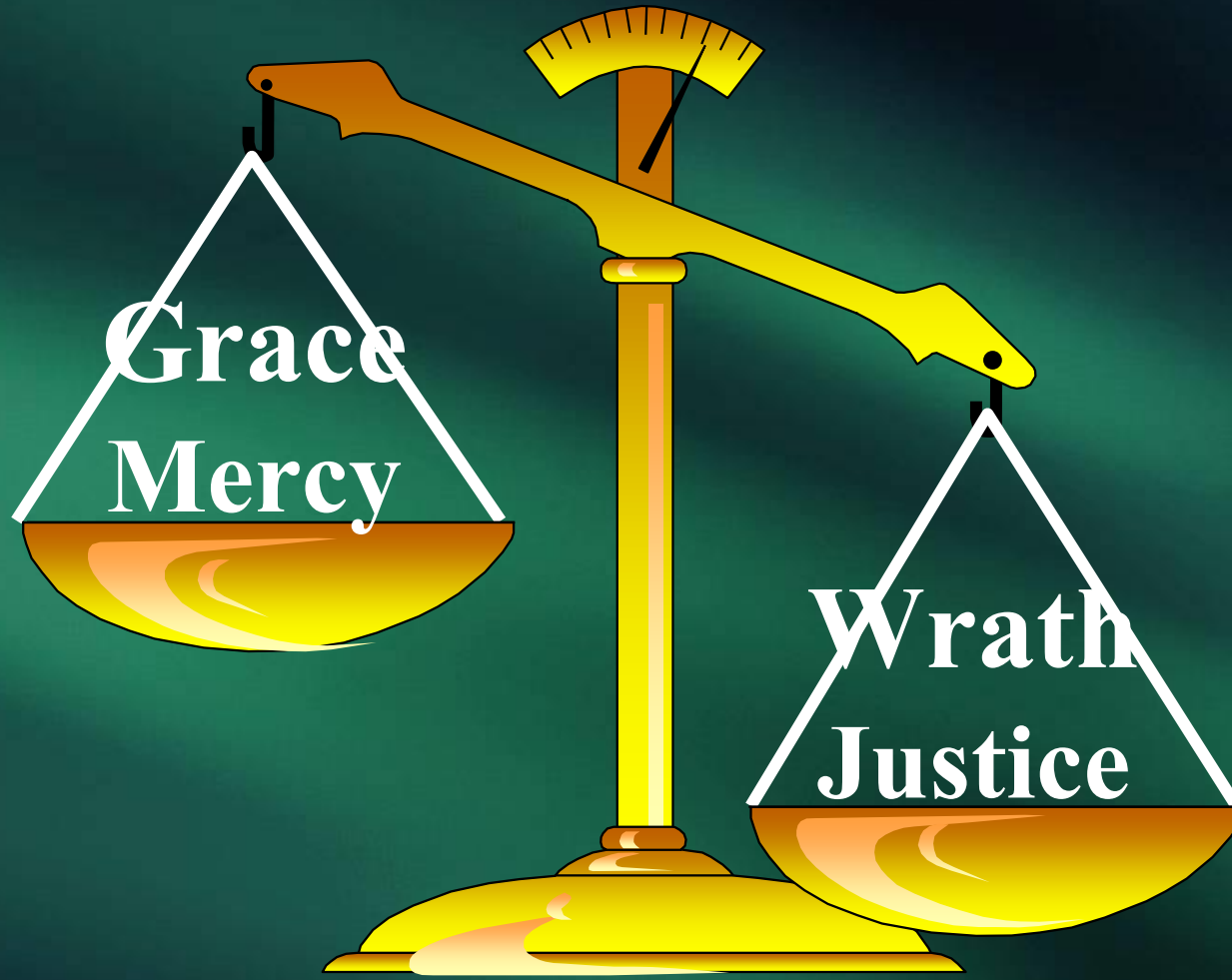
- For by **grace** you have been saved through **faith**, and that not of yourselves; **it is the gift of God**, 9 **not of works**, lest anyone should boast. 10 For **we are His workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Eph. 2:8-10
- For **the grace of God** that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 **teaching us** that, **denying ungodliness and worldly lusts**, we should live **soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age**, Titus 2:11-13

A Life of Ease and Sloth

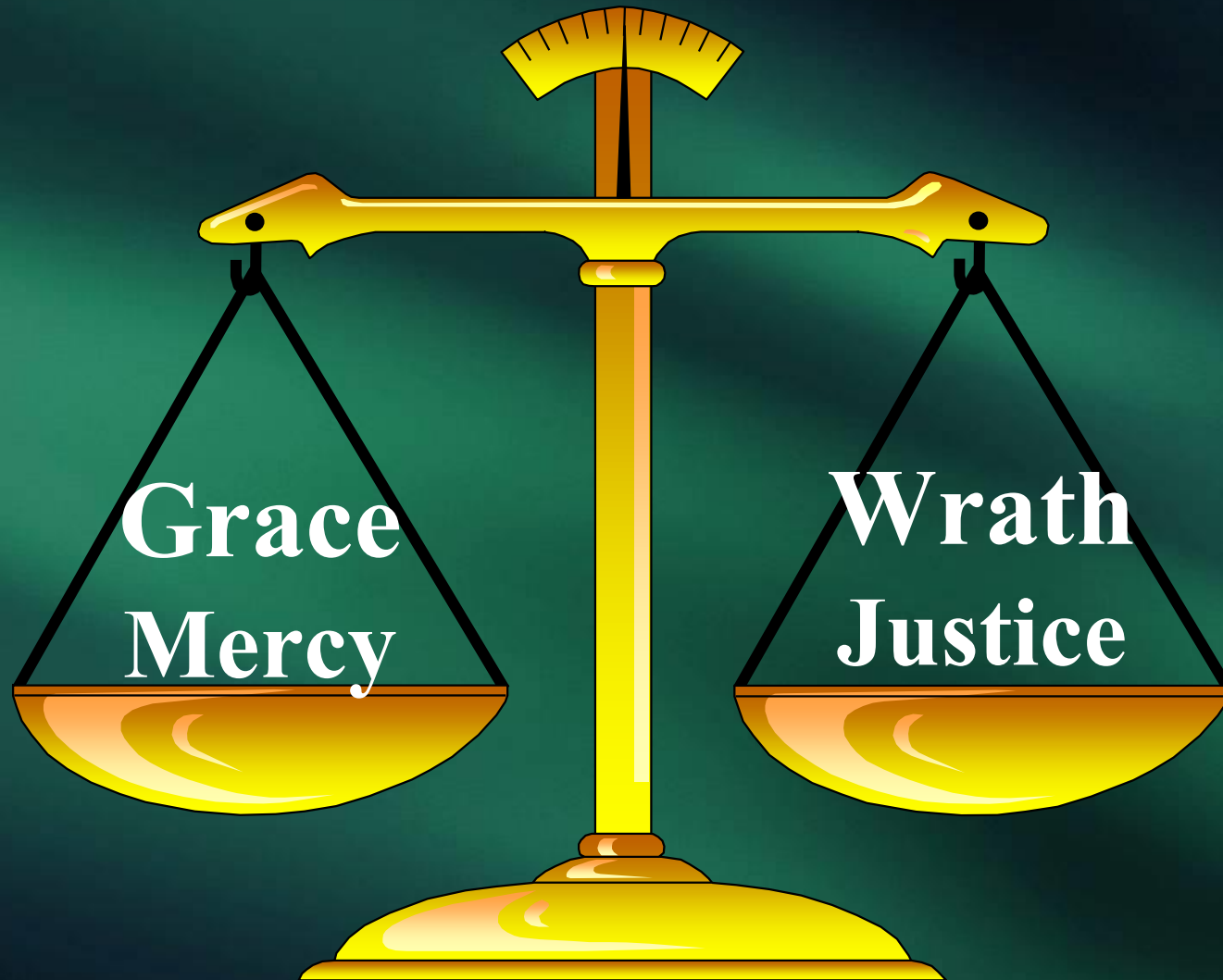


*For some have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons **who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness** and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. Jude 4*

A Life of Bitter Service



A Life Balanced in Joy and Fear



We Can/Must do Both – Within Ourselves

● Exhort

- Rest
- Easy
- Light
- Peace
- Joy
- Confidence

● Reprove / Rebuke

- Unprofitable Servants
- Bear Cross; Forsake All
- Discipline body lest be rejected
- Pass time of stay with Fear
- Certain fearful expectation of Judgment.

HOW??

Even with Grace a Time for Fear

- Work out Salvation with **fear** and **trembling** Phil 2:12
- **Fear** him who has authority to cast into hell Lk 12:4
- Don't be conceited but **fear** Rom. 11:16
- Let us **fear** lest we come short of it Heb. 4:1
- Conduct time of sojourning in **fear** 1Pet. 1:17
- Be **sober**; be **watchful** the devil as a roaring lion is seeking whom he may devour. 1Pet. 5:8
- Therefore let him who thinks he stands **take heed lest he fall**. 1 Cor 10:12-13
- For the **grace of God** that brings salvation has appeared to all men, **teaching us** that, **denying ungodliness** and **worldly lusts**, we should live **soberly, righteously, and godly** in the present age, Titus 2:11

A Time of Confidence!

- *By **grace you have been saved** through faith: It is **the gift of God**. 1Cor. 10:13*
- *My **yoke is easy** my **burden is light**; Mt. 11:28-30*
- ***No condemnation** to those in Christ; Rom. 8:1-2 1*
- *We are **more than conquerors** through him Rom. 8:37*
- ***God wants all men to be saved** and come to the knowledge of the truth. 1Tim. 2:3-4*
- ***Jehovah pities those who fear him**. Ps. 103:8-14*
- *If we confess our sins **he is faithful and just to forgive**. 1Jn. 1:9*
- *is **longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish** but that all should come to repentance. 2Pet 3:9*

Emotions of the Truly Balanced

- Continuous Action in the Present - No before or after
- Blessed **ARE the poor in spirit**, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed **ARE the mourning ones**, For they shall be comforted. Mt 5:3-4
- Even after Grace – God expects humility / concern
- “But on this one will I look: On him **who is poor and of a contrite spirit**, And who **trembles at My word.**”
Isa 66:2
- God’s grace doesn’t remove our own unworthiness
- The Lord is near to those who have **a broken heart**,
And saves such as have **a contrite spirit.** Ps 34:18-19

The True Balance of Grace

- *"Therefore you, O son of man, say to the children of your people: 'The righteousness of the righteous man shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression; as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall because of it in the day that he turns from his wickedness; nor shall the righteous be able to live because of his righteousness in the day that he sins.' Ezek. 33:12-13*
- *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1Jn 1:9-10*

The True Balance: At our Worst

- For when **we were still without strength**, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that **while we were still sinners**, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when **we were enemies** we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. Rom 5:6-11
- Yet, even after all these years of effort and toil, we still have so far to go. We will never reach it.
- Yet because we **are** justified, reconciled we **are** saved