

Notes & Letters

The Partners in Grace Newsletter

Thank you so much for your Partners in Grace newsletters! The photos of the congregations are a real encouragement, seeing how many churches are holding to God's gift of grace alone. I also enjoy the pictures of Bob with his mother. She is beautiful and I am praying for her. The articles in Grace in Focus are always excellent and I look forward to reading each one. I wish all the GES team God's best.

E.T. - Pasadena, TX

Bob's Recent Visit

Mr. Wilkin visited our church recently, everybody loved him and his extraordinary knowledge of the truth and also his humor. Thanks so much for an enjoyable weekend!

K.L. - Albion, IN

Such an Impact

How I thank God for what you are doing and the impact you've had on my life.

B.K. - Fayetteville, NC

What a Testimony!

Your testimony [Scott Paige, "Scott, You're Going Straight to Hell!" GIF (March-April 2002)] has blessed me and I'm sure others. Obviously you want to tell the world that, "they're not going to hell." Thank you for sharing your testimony on line with me and the world.

J.S. - Murrieta, CA

Sure and Secure

Thanks, Bob, for writing on this subject [assurance, Secure and Sure]—many will understand salvation for the first time.

Anonymous

The Grace in Focus Newsletter

I missed this article [Bob Wilkin, "As Many As Were Devoted to Eternal Life Believed" GIF (May-June 2004)] in the newsletter, but it answers a very serious issue I've always had with the translations (as a proof text for election). Appreciate it mucho.

L.G., Wheat Ridge, CO



Bob, his sister Pam, wife Sharon, and mom Jean

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Chafer Seminary Advanced Hermeneutics Tustin, CA

January 8-22

Nine three-hour class sessions in 15 days. This was a fun and challenging time. I taught this module to 9 students at this Free Grace seminary in Southern California. We had great class discussions. The students each wrote six papers and took a midterm and a final.

We discussed current challenges to a conservative approach to the Scriptures including higher criticism, post-modernism, open theism, the new perspective on Paul, Progressive Dispensationalism, trajectory hermeneutics, community hermeneutics, and academic freedom as balanced against the doctrinal statements of schools.

I hope to teach another class at Chafer Seminary in the future. It is such a pleasure to teach students who are hungry for the things of God. These young men and women all have a burden for the grace gospel and a strong desire to hear the Lord's "Well done" at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

My thanks to Dr. George Meisinger, the President, for inviting me to come and for the students and faculty who took part in this class.

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Bob with his class (plus Dr. John Niemelä) at Chafer Seminary

Coast Bible Church San Juan Capistrano, CA

January 23

I stayed with Pastor Arch Rutherford and his wife Carolyn during much of the time I taught at Chafer Seminary. Thus I was able to attend two of Arch's discipleship groups, as well as go riding with Arch on his tandem bicycle prior to speaking at his church.

Arch asked me to speak on hermeneutics and it turned out to be a great choice. My main text was Luke 8:11-18.

I've preached on it many times before, but never like this. I really like the way it turned out. I was able to cover how much we need God's Word to experience the abundant life. "Put Your Heart into It" was the title. At the end I discussed three aspects of interpreting the Bible: the science of it, the art of it, and the crucial spiritual dimension. Since the Bible is a spiritual book, we can only grasp what it is saying if God's Spirit

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Bob and Arch before their tandem bike ride

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Dr. George Meisinger and Bob at lunch



Sunday morning at Coast Bible Church



Bob and Sharon with GES partners the Tylers and the Liis

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opens its meaning to us. And He does that for those who humbly and diligently seek the truth.

My thanks to Arch and Carolyn for their warm hospitality to me, and during the last few days of my trip, to my wife Sharon as well. Sharon flew out to be with me during the later portion of my trip. PG

The Grace Conference

March 14-17, 2005

We are excited about this year's conference. The registrations are beginning to flow in. Thus far we have almost 150 registered. We hope to surpass 350 this year. We have several exciting new things scheduled for this year's Grace Conference: 1) Two movie nights; 2) 1 Game night; 3) Worship; and 4) 2 Fellowship dinners. If you haven't registered yet, you don't want to miss this year's conference! You can register online at www.faithalone.org or by phone at 972.257.1160. PG

Laptop Needed



Are you thinking about getting rid of a used laptop with a wireless internet connection? Consider donating it to GES. We are also in need of a/v projectors for the conference. If you would like to donate either one of these items, we will provide you with a gift-in-kind receipt that can be used on your 2005 taxes. Please contact Mike at mike@faithalone.org. PG

Prayer Requests

Thanks to all of our partners in grace, we finished the first 7 months of fiscal 2005 well. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless us financially so that we will be able to continue the work. Please pray for the impact of Bob's new book *Secure and Sure* which is expected out in the next several weeks. Also, please pray for the 2005 conference. Pray that everyone would leave motivated and encouraged to share the gospel and disciple others in their local churches. PG

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If any of you are interested, a student taped the entire class on MP3. Let Mike know (mike@faithalone.org) and he will burn a CD for you. Beware, however. This is 27 hours of material! PG

New Hope Church

Orange, CA

January 9

Freddy Cortez, Jr. pastors a wonderful church that is made up mostly of Filipinos living in S. Cal. The people are very warm and open to God's Word and I had a great time preaching from John 4. After a break for lunch, I fielded several challenging questions for an hour.

I learned a new word while I was there. A toddler was playing with a toy car and when it crashed to the floor he said, "babu." I asked one of the adults, "What does babu mean?" They said it refers to falling in Pampango, one of the 100 languages of the Philippines. When I was answering questions, Ryan, a student at Talbot Seminary, asked about people who fall away. I said something like, "Well, the Bible warns us not to babu." Everyone cracked up. PG

Spotlight on Your Support

What a joy it is to share the grace message in various publications, on the internet, and in person to scores of people each year. While in seminary I dreamed of something like this, but this is beyond my dreams.

I remember July 1987 when Sharon and I gave up my teaching position at Multnomah College in Portland, OR. I had started GES the year before and about \$300 total had come in to help with costs. Yet we moved back to Dallas and I began to head up GES full-time. Gradually over the next 5 years the support picked up. In 1992 I was able to get a small office (10 X 15, I think). Later we got additional space and Fran and Cathy joined me.

Over the years the impact has grown as God has blessed. We are all so thankful for your support. Your partnership allows us to do what we do to promote the Free Grace message around the world.

I don't know what the future holds. But I'm optimistic because of you and your love for the Lord and His good news! PG

Mom Continues to Do Well

I had a chance to see Mom often during the time I was in Southern California. One of the highlights was Sharon and I going with Mom and my sister Pam to a family wedding and reception on January 22nd. The wedding was in a Serbian Orthodox church and the reception at an exclusive place called The Jonathan Club in downtown Los Angeles. Sharon actually got me out on the dance floor. That is the first time I've danced in about 20 years. Being 6 foot 6 and not the smoothest on the dance floor, I hope I get treasure in heaven for humbling myself in this way. Hah. PG



Pastor Freddy, his wife Corine, and Bob



Sunday morning at New Hope before Bob's message



Bob and Sharon at the wedding reception