

Partners in Grace

April 2010



JBC Congregation

Jansen Bible Church Jansen, NE ~ March 26-28

Four messages on evangelism, Friday night, Saturday night, and two on Sunday morning, were the content for this Bible Conference. The messages were entitled, "The Bad News-Good News Approached Reconsidered," "The Romans Road Ends in a Cul de Sac," "The Modern Approach to Evangelism Is Needlessly Difficult and Ineffective," and "Do What Jesus Did: Evangelizing the Way Our Lord Evangelized."

I've been to Jansen Bible Church ten or so times and it is always an encouraging experience. Thanks, Paul and Carol and all at JBC.



Bob with the JBC Evangelism Team

Prayer Requests

Praise: The Grace NT Commentary has been shipped to us and should be here well before the conference; our staff and conference speakers are well; Dr. Jody Dillow worked out a difficulty that would have kept him from speaking at our conference; GES support is hovering around budget, even in a bad economy.

Prayer: For continued good health for staff and conference speakers and attendees; for GES finances April through June; for us being able to catch up on the Journal by releasing three issues in the next 7 months; for more Journal and newsletter writers; for healing and insight regarding the controversy in Free Grace circles over the precise object of saving faith; for the leaders of the Free Grace movement to walk with Christ and avoid conduct that would dishonor our Lord; for the leaders of our government; for the safety of Israel; for an excellent conference Apr 19-22; and for the impact of The Grace NT Commentary for the cause of Christ.



Notes and Letters

"I have always known that I was secure, but now thanks to your work, I can tell others exactly why."
– R.J., (letter)

"Thank you for your devotion to the clear proclamation of the gospel. May you continue to fight the good fight, showing grace to those who may not show grace and love to you."
–R.A. (letter)

"Bob, This (March/April) is one of the best and most informative issues of *Grace in Focus* I've read in a while. I am in agreement with all that was written. It's belief in the Person of Jesus not the work that gives one everlasting life. How many copies of these do you have on hand and what's the cost? Every Catholic, Reform, Orthodox, etc. should read this very slowly. Thanks for your efforts—no, praise God for His work in you!"
–G.W. (via email)

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Commentary Shipping March 29th!

The printer told us the book should be ready to ship on March 25th or 26th. Conservatively speaking it should ship at the latest by Monday, March 29th.

They tell us it will take a week to ten days to get here. So, we should have it in our office (well, in a new storage space we will need to rent just for it) between April 2 and April 12, well in advance of the conference.



We spent over \$63,000 on the printing alone (not counting, author's fees, which are nearly \$50,000 by themselves, staff time, contract labor, software, hardware, and so on)! Yikes. That soaked up all of our commentary fund money. We had to draw money from the general fund reserves to pay for most of the printing. It's good that we have reserves, or we would have had to raise money before we could have gone to print.

Please be patient with us. We are not going to take orders for the commentary until after the conference. On Monday, April 26th, we probably will get lots of orders. This should make for a lot of excitement at the conference.

Fifteenth Annual GES Conference

Fort Worth, Texas

April 19-22

The conference is a few weeks away. The theme is getting lots of positive comments. The manuscripts of messages that have come into our office are excellent. This looks like it will be an outstanding conference.



Victor Street Bible Chapel

Dallas, TX ~ March 21

I began a new series on an old book, Genesis. I spoke on creation and the fall from Genesis 1-3. It was well received. In the Lord's Supper we discussed the related subject of the wages of sin is death.

I'm not sure yet how I will cover Genesis. I'd like to at least cover life before the flood, the flood, the call of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph and his brothers. There is a lot of wonderful material there. But whether I cover it in 10 or 25 sermons is up in the air. I lean toward around a dozen messages covering the big topics. We will post the audio of these messages. The one on creation and the fall is already on our website.

Spotlight on Your Support

We had a great March, which pulled us back into the black. With three months to go, it will be a challenge to end the year above budget. However, whatever comes in, we are very thankful for your support and we are committed to using the gifts wisely. We don't look at it as OPM, Other People's Money. We look at it as HM, His Money. We are accountable to Him for what we do with what He gives us through you. Thank you for your partnership in this ministry. You truly are *metachoi*, to use the Greek word for partners.



2010 GES National Conference

April 19-22

Aim to Be Christ's Partner in the Life to Come

The Message of the Book of Hebrews

February Financial Report

March Budget	\$26,432		YTD* Budget	\$237,885	
March Revenue	\$30,438	\$4,006	YTD* Revenue	\$238,539	\$654

* Our fiscal year ends on June 30th.

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