

Notes & Letters

Love the Conference MP3s!

Thank you so much for your continued laborings for the Truth, particularly with regards to the conference. I received the MP3s a couple of weeks ago, and am only about halfway through my FIRST listening to each talk. I cannot overemphasize the difference that GES and the FG movement in general has made to my Christian walk. I really mean that - the beautiful outworkings of the teachings of grace have provided a solid foundation to my growth in the knowledge of God's Word. I trust your work will bear even more fruit on this side of the Atlantic soon.
T. V. - e-mail

Online Articles

I appreciate this organization. With struggles I have had in the past, the clearer definition amid the many opinions is refreshing. Thank you Lord for this organization.
K. J. - online survey

Podcasting

Good job on the podcast. I really enjoyed the dialogue and took notes extensively. I hope that you are planning to put these dialogues with Zane on CDs so that people can listen to them in their cars or on their computers.



Pastors Dan, Neil, and Arch of Coast Bible Church

Also, thanks for your message Jesus Ruled in the Garden. It is probably going to be life-changing for me. I have never thought of these truths in this way before. Thank you for the exposition on the podcast.
B. F. - e-mail

Add Me to the Mailing List

I recently read one of your flyers and found the articles to be very informative about topics that were well chosen. I would

greatly appreciate someone putting me on your mailing list if that would be possible. I truly appreciate your time. God bless you!
C. B. - Kenedy, TX

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May 2006

Alvin Bible Church

Alvin, TX

March 25-26

It was a pleasure to be back at Pastor Roy Barskey's church.

On Saturday night I spoke to an informal group at Roy and Carol's home on what eternity will be like from Genesis 1-3 and Revelation 21-22. I thought we'd have 6 or 8 people. We ended up with about 15.

On Sunday morning I spoke on 1 Thess 4:13-18 in Sunday School and 1 Thess 5:1-11 in the worship service. Believers who have died won't miss out on anything to come (first message). I wish we'd all been ready [to rule with Christ] (second message).

This capped off what was probably my busiest speaking month ever. After the conference ended on March 2, I flew somewhere for four weekends in a row: California, Montana, Nebraska, and Houston (Alvin is a suburb).^{PG}



Alvin Bible Church

DTS Discipleship Group

Dallas, TX

April 12-13

On Wednesday and Thursday I went to the Dallas Theological Seminary campus to meet with two groups of DTS students. We discussed Postmodernism, also called Non- or Post-Modest-Foundationalism.

We discussed the "Theology Unplugged" section of the www.Bible.org website that deals with epistemology, as well as recent trends in the Evangelical Theological Society.

The students indicated that they were very appreciative of the discussion since they clearly see how Postmodernism is making its inroads into Evangelicalism today.^{PG}



Bob's speaking at Coast Bible Church

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Financial Report

April Budget	\$29,212
April Revenue	\$34,125 (+4,913)
YTD Budget*	\$292,120
YTD Revenue	\$337,373 (+45,253)

*Our Fiscal Year is July 1-June 30



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Bob and Sharon with Luis C., Austin, and Viviano Rodriguez

Victor Street Bible Chapel Dallas, TX

April 16

I was privileged to give the Easter message at VSBC. I love preaching on the resurrection of Jesus and telling people about the free gift of eternal life.

For my passage I chose John 11 and the raising of Lazarus. "It's a Wonderful Life" was the title of my message. I concentrated especially on 11:25-27 and Jesus' discussion about resurrection and eternal life with Martha, the sister of Lazarus. However, I actually read every verse in the chapter, and commented on most of them.

I have always found it remarkable that though Jesus could have healed his friend from afar, instead, He chose to let him die and remain in the tomb for 4 days before He arrived. In my estimation John 11 is the key chapter in John's Gospel and John 11:25-27 are the crucial verses in the crucial chapter.

There were lots of visitors and it was a joy to make the good news clear to all present. PG

Evangelical Theological Society Regional Conference Fort Worth, TX

March 24

On Friday I attended the regional conference and presented a parallel-session paper entitled "Are the Words of Jesus in the NT Really His Words?" Evangelical New Testament scholars now routinely answer No! I showed that there is no reason for this conclusion.

Overall, the response of those present (about 40) was positive. Three Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary students stayed after and told me how much they appreciated my paper. In addition, here is an email I received after the conference from another person who stayed after to talk:

I enjoyed your presentation at the recent ETS [regional] conference Friday afternoon. I respectfully request a copy of your excellent paper and/or the PowerPoint slides for your paper entitled: Are the Words of Jesus as Recorded in the New Testament Really the Words of Jesus? I spoke to you after the paper presentation... Thank you again for such an interesting paper. PG



Bob's breakout session at the regional ETS conference



Victor Street Bible Chapel on Resurrection Sunday

Coast Bible Church San Juan Capistrano, CA

April 23

Hang in There: Help Is on the Way! The topic of my master's thesis at Dallas Seminary, perseverance, was my topic at Jack Kulp's Sunday School class. We had a great time of interaction on this vital topic.

Pastor Arch Rutherford is in a wonderful series on the seven letters to the seven churches in Revelation 2-3. On this Sunday he spoke about the letter to the church at Pergamos, Rev 2:12-17. I really enjoyed hearing Arch preach.

I stayed Saturday night with Jack and Sue Kulp in their beautiful home overlooking the Pacific Ocean. On Sunday morning Jack and I were out walking on the beach at 6:30 in the morning! It sure was beautiful. We even saw a seal that came out of the ocean and surf and right on to the wet sand.

I have never presented perseverance in the way I did on this occasion, and it sure went better with this outline and emphasis. Instead of concentrating on what is wrong with the way most Evangelicals understand perseverance as a condition of entering the kingdom, I concentrated on the blessings in store for believers who persevere and hear the Lord say, "Well done, good servant." We did discuss the Reformed and Arminian views, but since that was not the main point of the presentation, the overall tone was very positive and upbeat. Unfortunately, we didn't record it. However, I plan to do it again soon so that we can have it on audio.

I was able to spend a lot of time with Mom on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. She is doing better now. Her breathing has improved and she is feeling better. She is now 93 and a half, but she looks much younger. She is a marvel to me and to my sister Pam, and to all who know and meet her. PG



Bob's Mom Jean and Sister Pam



Bob spoke to a group from Alvin Bible Church about what eternity will be like



Coast Bible Church class

Grace on the Go

May 6-8	Bastrop (TX) Bible Church
May 20-21	Brenham (TX) Bible Church
June 9-10	Apologetics Conference, Charlotte, NC
June 11	Grace Bible Church, Charlotte, NC
June 17-18	Communion Chapel, San Antonio, TX
July 7-8	Omaha (NE) regional conference
July 9	Community Bible Church, Omaha, NE
July 30-31	GES Summer Board Meeting