

Partners

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Coast Bible Church Couple's Retreat

Big Bear Lake, California
March 28-30

Sharon and I really enjoyed being with 8 young couples, ages 25 to 36. I gave four sessions on the Book of First John. We had lots of excellent discussion. And the location was fantastic: a nice lodge at 7,000 feet near Big Bear Lake. Thanks to Pastor Neil Anderson and his wife, Casey.



Faith Evangelical Bible Church

Winker, Manitoba, Canada
April 4-6

After getting back Monday night from Southern California, I was off early Friday morning (7:50 AM takeoff) for Minneapolis and then on to Winnipeg. I spoke once Friday night, once Saturday morning (men's breakfast devotional), once Saturday afternoon, once Saturday night, and then twice on Sunday morning. I gave five sessions on the Book of Acts and one session (the devotional) on 2 Cor 5:1-11 and the Bema.

This was only my third time to speak with a translator. Nearly half the people in this church are recent immigrants from Germany. Thus as I spoke, someone was giving simultaneous translation into German and the people who were wearing headsets could hear the translation instantly. I don't know how the translators kept up. I slowed down and used more pauses and that seemed to help. I really enjoyed visiting with the German (and Russian) people. I even learned some German while there.

It was fun to visit with Mike and Renee Comtois and their family. Thanks so much for your warm hospitality. It was a good time, Aye?



Victor Street Bible Chapel

April 13

Continuing our march through Acts, we came to Acts 11:1-18. There Peter defends the grace message in Jerusalem. He was charged by legalistic Jews with disobeying God by eating with Gentiles. Whether these legalists were believers (see Acts 15:5) or unbelievers (see Acts 15:1) is not clear. What is clear is that Luke is now telling the reader of the conversion of Cornelius and his household a second time, the first being Acts 10:24-28. And Luke will report Peter's retelling of the story in Acts 15:7-11, showing the importance of this account.

Putting GES Materials in Logos Libronix Searchable

For several years a number of GES Partners have been urging us to get our materials put into the Libronix format. Libronix is the leading electronic Bible study program. Logos, the company which owns Libronix, publishes thousands of books in electronic format. But the user gets much more than simply the ability to read a book on his computer. The user is able to search large or small collections of books and see they have to say about various texts, words (English, Greek, or Hebrew), phrases, people, doctrines, etc. Pastors and teachers find it exceedingly helpful since they can copy and paste their research findings into their sermons and lessons.

In late April Logos Software notified us that the five books we sent them all have been approved for inclusion in the Logos Library of materials. That includes my three books, *Confident in Christ*, *The Road to Reward*, *Secure and Sure*, and the two commentaries by Zane Hodges that we have published, *The Epistles of John* and *The Epistle of James*.

We expect to receive and sign the contract in the next few days. Then within a few months these books should be offered by Logos in a pre-publication sale.

Logos has a huge mailing list of 600,000 people from all over the world. This is an excellent opportunity for us to introduce our materials to tens of thousands of people.

Your partnership not only makes things like this possible, it also is instrumental in getting us to pursue such opportunities. Thanks so much.



Women of the Jordan Bible Study

Notes and Letters

Loved Zane's Messages on the Conference MP3 CD

I have listened (again, on the MP3) to Zane Hodges's two presentations and I can honestly say that they were worth the trip to this year's Grace Conference. The other messages are great but his presentations make the Gospel of John live in ways I have never experienced before.

Is there any possibility that his two presentations could be singled out on two tapes or two CD's for wider distribution? I would be willing to give toward such a project. Please let me know. Thanks!

DLM-Email

Editor's note: As a result of this note, we have made Zane's two messages available separately in standard CD format for just \$10. Unlike the MP3 format, this CD should play in all CD players. It is on the new resource sheet that will be going out soon with the May-June newsletter.

Bob's Thought-Provoking Message on the Gospel on the Conference MP3

Thank you, Bob, for your wonderful messages at the GES Conference. We just finished listening today to the message you brought on the meaning of the gospel (the one we missed because we left early due to bad weather coming in). It was extremely thought provoking.... and biblical. *This understanding will open up the Bible in a huge way.* It's another one of those amazing truths that bring all the pieces together!

DB-Email

Liked the Article on the Lordship of Jesus Christ

Thank you so much for your article, "We Believe Jesus Is Lord." I have Xeroxed about a dozen copies and given them out... Thank you for all your efforts.

SW-Tempe, AZ

April Financial Report

April Budget \$32,100

April Revenue \$33,305 +\$1205

YTD Budget \$321,000*

YTD Revenue \$265,867 <\$55,133>

* Our fiscal year runs from July to June

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