

Notes & Letters

Thank You for Coming!

Please thank Bob...he saved me from Lordship theology which was becoming ingrained. I was becoming judgmental, insecure, burdened wrongly, and anxious—not to mention weaker and less likely to evangelize...Confident in Christ set me free...

C.P. - Denver, CO

We Need More of This!

This is the most valuable article [Scott Paige, "Grace and Sensitivity," GIF (May-June 2004)] that I have read in a long time. The article truly conveys the attitude that the believer should take in presenting the Gospel of Free Grace. Christ's Attitude.

K.M. - Cedar Bluff, MS

Grace Message Reaches South Africa

I'm fellowshipping in an Arminian church that heralds the "Lordship Salvation" controversy...However, I'm beginning to awake all the people who are close to me about this controversy and many of them appreciate what I'm teaching them about it. I have gotten help from the authors on this web-

site...Please continue to herald the truth of the Gospel on your website, it is quite helpful to people like me who are hungry for the truth of the Gospel and the Scripture as whole.

M.M. - Cape Town, South Africa



Bob visiting with his sister Pam and mother Jean on his latest trip to California

Grace Needed for my Niece

I am writing to you on behalf of my niece...who suffers from mental illness—bipolar and border line personality disorders...[she] is currently serving a prison sentence...A friend recently gave me a copy of your pamphlet, You Can Be Sure! And I thought of her during my entire reading of it...she has been suffering a spiritual crisis in prison with guilt, low self-esteem, and suicidal ideations...but fears she will go to Hell. She needs assurance of God's love for her.

M.H.

Grace on the Go

June 12-14 Grace Christian Church, Kendalville, IN
27 Burluson (TX) Bible Church

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Chafer Theological Seminary

Orange, CA

May 8

What a privilege it was to be the commencement speaker at Chafer's second graduation ceremony.

I challenged those graduating as well as all present to make the most of what God has given them. They've been given much. They know the clear gospel; something most do not know. Rewards is a clear doctrine for them. Thus, my challenge was to live in light of the Bema. We need to live as if Jesus could return at any time. But, whether He returns sooner or later, our desire should be to please Him and hear His "well done."

In addition, Dr. George Meisinger, President of CTS, announced at graduation that I will be teaching a winter term course next January at CTS on Advanced Hermeneutics. The dates will be January 8-22, with classes on 3 consecutive Saturdays (probably 9-noon) and then 7-10PM on MWF for two weeks. If you live in Southern California, I hope you will plan to take the course either for credit or as an audit.

My thanks to George and the CTS Board and faculty for inviting me to speak at the commencement. I really enjoyed it. **RG**



Chafer's second graduation ceremony

East Clairemont Baptist San Diego, CA

May 9

I met Chris Clark about ten years ago when he was the associate pastor at a church I spoke at in Westminster, CA. Chris has been the senior pastor in San Diego for a number of years now and he invited me to speak.

I spoke to a Sunday school class on the issues of assurance and making the gospel clear. We had a great time of interaction.

Then in the worship service we considered the issue of how Luke 15:11-32 teaches that "Fellowship with the Father is Better than Anything the World Has to Offer."

The previous night Chris and his wife Terri took me to eat at a great seafood place right on the water in San Diego. I really enjoyed the meal and the time fellowshipping with the Clarks and the people of ECBC.

This was my first time to speak both at this church and in San Diego. I hope to return again soon. **RG**



Pastor Chris Clark with his wife Terri and their kids

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May Revenue	\$18,298
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YTD Revenue	\$304,572
YTD Budget	\$285,109



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June 2004



Sunday morning at Bayside Community Church

Bayside Community Church

Tampa, Florida


May 2

Having grown up in Southern California, I always feel at home in Tampa. It is beautiful and the weather is great. But best of all are my Christian friends at Bayside Community Church. They always make me feel so welcome.

When I preached through First Thessalonians at my home church, Victor Street Bible Chapel, I took about 15 sermons to preach the whole book. On this occasion, I did it in just two messages.

In the first service I covered Chapters 1-3. The message was titled, "Are You Ready for the Rapture?" While all believers will be raptured, not all believers are prepared for Christ's soon return. To hear His "Well done!" we must persevere in our confession of faith in Him.

"Practical Ramifications of the Rapture" was the title of the second message. It covered Chapters 4-5. God has told us about the Rapture to change our lives, not to tickle our imaginations. Eschatology is much more than interesting truth. It is life-changing truth if we grasp the Bema and the possibility of earning Christ's approval.

After church I had lunch with Margaret Riedel and her son Harley. And then we played a game of Double Boggle. It is a word game. Man was I humbled. Harley is a lawyer and is one of the brightest lights on the tree. Margaret shines brightly as well. I felt like a child playing with adults. They slaughtered me. But when Harley took me to the airport, he gave me some suggestions on how to improve. Maybe next time! 



Harley Riedel with his mother Margaret




John and Barbara Cash visiting with Margaret Moran (middle) after the service

Next Year's Conference

The date of next year's conference is March 14-17. We will again be at the DFW Harvey Hotel which has been so popular in the past. Please mark your calendars.

We are in the process of lining up speakers for next year. In addition to Bob, Brian Fisher has accepted our invitation to speak. Brian is the College Minister at Grace Bible Church in College Station, Texas. He regularly speaks to over 1500 Texas A&M college students at GBC! We are thrilled that Brian has accepted.

We should have an update on other speakers in upcoming *Partners in Grace* newsletters and also on our 2005 conference website, which is located on the web @ www.faithalone.org/conference. 

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
We've been members of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (EFCA) since 1992. The stated mission of EFCA is to "help Christ-centered evangelical non-profit organizations earn the public's trust through ethical practices and financial accountability."

We, like EFCA, feel that integrity in financial practices is paramount.

We are constantly looking for ways to be good stewards of the funds entrusted to us. We do as much "in house" printing as possible. This newsletter, for example, is printed at our office on a laser printer, cutting our printing cost by more than half of what we were spending. And we have the added benefit of a color printer for use on other projects.

Additionally, last year we downsized and renegotiated our office lease to greatly reduce our monthly payment.


When September 11, 2001 occurred, we experienced a substantial drop in financial support as did many non-profits. Thankfully, over the past two and a half years, new supporters have joined us and have made up the shortfall. Today our support is back to where it was then, and this time, with a broader donor base, which is a good improvement.

We are extremely grateful for you and your support. We pray that God will bless you richly now and in the life to come for your generous support of clear gospel proclamation. 

Help Us End the Year Well

Our fiscal year ends June 30th. This year we reduced our budget and it appears our revenue will exceed our projections. This is extremely important due to the fact that our reserves have been seriously depleted in the last several years due in part to the fallout of 9/11.

If revenue exceeds budget, this will allow us to expand our ministry. Most likely it would allow us to hire a part-time intern (8 or 16 hours a week) to help us with our conference, commentary, coordinating Bob's speaking, etc.

For those who are able to make a special gift this month, it would be very helpful to our ministry for the coming year. We greatly appreciate your support. Thank you for your partnership with us in proclaiming the grace message. 



Sunday school at East Clairemont Baptist



Bob with Drs. George Meisinger and Robby Dean



The Chafer Theological Seminary faculty