

# Notes & Letters

## Catholicism and Lordship Salvation

We received the following in an email from a Partner in Texas. A man who heads a ministry to Catholics spoke at his church. In Sunday school and the worship service the guest speaker denounced the teaching of Catholicism as works salvation. Then our Partner went to lunch with him. Here's his report:

*During lunch afterwards with the speaker and many other church members, the lady beside me brought up her unease with Dr. John MacArthur and asked if he wasn't actually teaching that salvation had to be based on works. I was stunned when the guest speaker flatly stated that the Lordship doctrine is correct and that "salvation" is essentially a 3-part "process"! Having just spent 3 hours telling the congregation how the false doctrines of Catholicism were based on works and not grace, the enormous irony of this assertion was incredible to me!*  
C.P. - TX

## Prisoner Clearly Shares the Free Grace Message

*I appreciate your mission statement of clearly proclaiming the gospel. With the clarity I've been able to obtain in several newsletters, I have found it much easier to proclaim a clear and true gospel to many. Here in this hostile prison environment, a lot of potential believers become discouraged by the Lordship salvation theme, but the faith alone in Christ alone mantra that I proclaim here has*

*helped to build confidence in some that otherwise may have continued in a way unpleasing to God. Having a personal assurance of their salvation does wonders for their hunger to honor and please God.*  
K.T. - Tennessee Colony, TX



Bob & Sharon eating lunch with John Yantis

## Compliment from a Calvinist

*I wanted to commend Wilkin on his book Secure and Sure. This is a very good and much needed book. This is coming from a Calvinist. The Reformed position should embrace assurance with heart and gusto. While you and I will disagree on other things, I think we both would say that one of the things the heart of grace pumps is sweet blessed assurance. Shame on many of my Reformed brothers who teach otherwise.*  
R.P. - Concord, NC

## Articles Right on the Money

*I just thought I'd drop you a line and compliment you on your recent Grace in Focus (May/June 2005). I really enjoyed it and found it to be crystal-clear, full of good stuff. I believe 5-point Calvinism is in some serious errors, and its adherents are often maddening. Your and Charlie Bing's articles are both right on the money.*  
T.S. - Flower Mound, TX

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### Financial Report

June Revenue - \$23,364    YTD Revenue - \$365,035  
June Budget - \$27,320    YTD Budget - \$327,840

Note: After a number of down years, exceeding budget is such a blessing. At the summer board meeting coming up soon, we will set the new budget for Fiscal 2006. These results should allow us to expand our ministry. Thank you so much for your generous support.



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## in Grace

## Brenham (TX) Bible Church

June 5

It was a pleasure to return to this church. Brenham is the home of Blue Bell Ice Cream and of a fine church pastored by my friend, Woody Woodward. Woody is getting a doctorate in homiletics (preaching) from Dr. Haddon Robinson of Gordon Conwell Seminary in Boston. He had just returned from two-weeks of classes and this gave me a chance to teach Sunday school and preach.

I spoke on perseverance in Sunday school. I showed that believers are to persevere not to stay born again or even to prove they are born again, but in order to rule with Christ in the life to come.

Woody asked me to speak on Matt 7:21-23 in the sermon. This was also well received by the congregation. Those who profess to deserve kingdom entrance based on works they've done in Jesus' name don't understand or believe the gospel. They have not done the will of the Father, which is to believe in Jesus for eternal life.

The only drawback to this trip was the drive. It is 4 hours each way. And the air conditioning in my car is out.

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Brenham Bible on Sunday morning

## Victor Street Bible Chapel Dallas, TX

June 12

John 3:16 is one of the most famous evangelistic verses in the Bible. Yet did you know that First John 3:16 is one of the most important sanctification verses in the entire Bible? Both deal with the cross and God's love. The former says that because of God's love for us He sent His Son (to die on Calvary) that whoever believes in Him has everlasting life. The latter says that Jesus laid down His life for us and thus we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. While the example view of the atonement (that we follow His example to gain eternal life) is wrong, the example view of sanctification (that we follow His example to gain abundant eternal life) is

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Victor Street before Bob spoke on Sunday morning

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July 2005



Bob visiting with George Meisinger



The Woodwards after service




Members of "The Fight Club" relax for a discussion with Bob

## More Taping with Zane Hodges

June 14


Zane and I met and taped three discussions: an overview of the Olivet Discourse (Matthew 24-25), and discussions of Matt 24:45-51 and Matt 25:1-13. It was outstanding. You can listen to it, as well as the previous tapings on Matt 7:15-23, on our website. They are also available for purchase on CD in our bookstore.

My thanks to Zane for giving the Body of Christ these wonderful recordings. 

## Brenham Bible

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Fortunately it was only in the high 80s and low 90s. It could have been a lot worse. Sharon is after me to get another car. I do plan to get one soon. My 1984 Diesel Mercedes went over 296k miles on this trip. When I hit 300k, I plan to get a used car that gets 30 plus miles per gallon and is safe. Sharon's friend from work has a Toyota that fits the bill and I drove it and really like the model.

My thanks to Woody and Tracy Woodward for their friendship and this opportunity to minister, and to David and Linda Kiemstead for their hospitality in hosting me in their home Saturday night. 

## Meeting with Prospective Chafer Seminary Students

June 20

I met Joe Anderson a few years ago at our conference. He is now a student at CTS. His mom and dad, Vicki and Steve, have a ministry in KS with High School guys called "The Fight Club." For three hours we discussed preparation for ministry and tough texts in the NT.

Afterwards we went to *In and Out Burgers*. It has some of the best burgers and fries around. 

## Grace on the Go

July

- 3 Frisco (TX) Bible Church
- 10 Vista Ridge (TX) Bible Church
- 27 AWANA Chapel, Streamwood, IL
- 28-29 Grace Leadership Conference, Lake Zurich, IL
- 31 New Life Baptist, Lake in the Hills, IL (morning) & Westchester (IL) Bible Church (evening)

August

- 12-14 Northgrove Evangelical Church, Forreston, IL
- 20-21 LSU (Baton Rouge, LA) Faculty Club, Nick Kalivoda's Bible classes
- 26-27 So. Cal. Regional GES Conference, San Juan Capistrano, CA
- 28 So. Cal. Church, TBA

## Grace Chapel


Orange, CA

June 19

Grace Chapel is the church that birthed Chafer Theological Seminary (CTS). Many friends of grace attend this assembly. Speaking there is a pleasure.


I spoke once again on First John 3:16-18 and the parallel texts in Matt 16:24-28 and James 2:15-16.

It was good to see Dr. George Meisinger, Pastor of Grace Chapel and President of CTS. He just had surgery for an intestinal tumor. The initial report is that it was benign! Your prayers for his full recovery would be much appreciated.

It was also great to see friends like Frank and Babbette Tyler and Ricardo and Laurie Campos. 

## Victor Street


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correct. Compare Matt 16:24-28 where the same word for "life" (*psyche*) is used as is found in First John 3:16. The wonderful friends at VSBC really appreciated this message. They are a group that indeed follows Jesus' example. 

## Lake Cities U. Methodist Ch. Lake Dallas, TX

June 26

John and Mary Ann Yantis are GES Partners. He teaches a Sunday school class which he led through my book *Secure and Sure*. On this Sunday I reviewed the issue of assurance of eternal security.


Sharon and I really enjoyed being there. Unfortunately Mary Ann was out of town. But we enjoyed a nice lunch with John afterwards. 

## Mom Is Moving

Mom is now almost 93. The board and care facility she's been in for 2 years is closing.

When I was in Southern California speaking (see above), I went with my Mom and sister to several places in the area. We found an assisted living place we all think would be great.

July 2nd is Mom's move in date at the new place. Mom's only disappointment with it was: "There are a lot of old people." Yet the people there are mostly younger than her! Mom still thinks she is 75.

I keep telling Mom to believe in Jesus and she will get a new body. She likes the idea, but still finds it fanciful. This new place, called Mountview, has several Bible classes as well as a church service on site each week. So, Mom might get some input from people at her place. 



Grace Chapel before Bob's message



John Yantis's Sunday school class that invited Bob to speak after they finished going through *Secure and Sure*



Bob with his mother Jean and his sister Pam