

# Notes & Letters

## Secure and Sure Makes a Great Gift

Your book [Secure and Sure] is having an impact on people. That just thrills me. I keep sending that book as gifts to people for things like Christmas gifts, graduations, and just recently had it sent to our realtor who is getting married. Thanks for writing that wonderful book. God's doing great things with it.

D.B. - e-mail

## Podcasting

Unfortunately, I can't at the moment up my regular support of GES's ministry, but with the podcasts GES has really upped its support for mine. They mean the world to me. I like all the messages (I've listened to every one of them more than once), and the discussions with Zane are priceless.

L.G. - e-mail



Victor Street Bible Chapel before Bob spoke

in the other churches as they might resist my ministry. Most of the Thai churches are still under law. Because of the publications I have found at GES, my church members see God in a different way than the rest of the Thai Christians. God bless you.

P.S. - Thailand

## Thanks for Grace in Focus

Thanks for your explanation on Phil 2:12 and how you tied it in with the Judgment Seat of Christ. That was an angle I hadn't thought of. Your article was very timely, as I'll be sharing much of what you had to say in my message for tomorrow. Keep up the great work for the Lord and the truth of Free Grace in Christ.

K.S. - e-mail

## Grace in Thailand

I have been looking at GES on the internet for a few months. I have found a church and have become their pastor. What I have preached so far about grace is totally different from the traditional church in Thailand. I dare not spread too much of my recorded preaching to other friends

## Grace Tradition

I greatly appreciate all the work of GES, and, of course, have many friends involved with your fine leadership and help. Your emphases continue the great tradition of grace championed by Chafer and Ryrie and Walvoord.

F.H. - Cincinnati, OH



Bob with Pastor Neil and Casey Anderson

## Financial Report

June Budget	\$29,212
June Revenue	\$28,557 (-655)
YTD Budget*	\$350,544
<b>Final</b> YTD Revenue	<b>\$387,781 (+37,237)!</b>

\*Our Fiscal Year is July 1-June 30



# PARTNERS

## in Grace

July 2006


## Crossroads Bible Church Lewisville, TX

May 28

Nearly 15 years ago now I was an elder in this church. It was a pleasure to be back and see some old friends that I hadn't seen in a long time. I spoke in the Sunday School class of Jimmy Eanes, a friend who helps us line up our conference hotel each year.

I spoke on the doctrine of perseverance, showing that it is commanded, but not guaranteed. We are eternally secure whether we persevere or not, and a person doesn't believe John 3:16 until he grasps that fact.

Well, that led to a lively time of Q & A during the last 15-20 minutes of class. As you might imagine, people thought of their Catholic or Arminian friends and said, "Surely they believe in Jesus and are saved." The associate pastor was in the class and Dave pointed out that as a former Catholic himself Catholics did not believe that simply by faith apart from works they were sure of their eternal destiny.

This is the same message I gave a month ago in Southern California, except this time I added in the section on assurance of the essence of saving faith. 




Jimmy Eanes' Class at Crossroads Bible Church

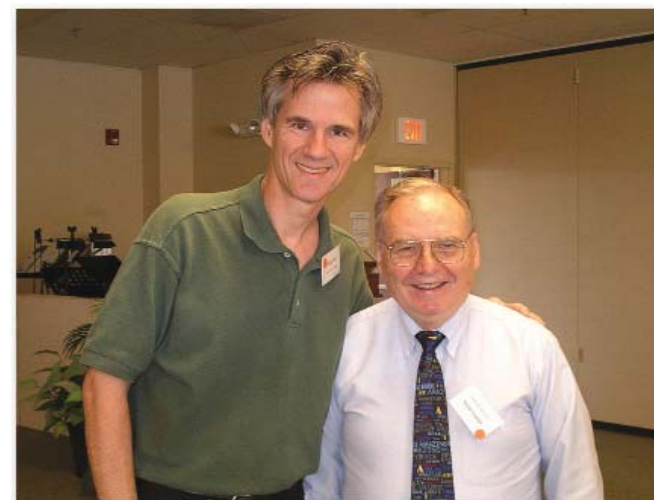
## International Society for Christian Apologetics (ISCA) Charlotte, NC

June 9-10

Dr. Norm Geisler decided to start a new conservative association of evangelicals. I was happy to be a part of his first annual meeting. I presented a parallel paper on how postmodern evangelicals view themselves as a vital next reformation.

I heard a number of excellent messages at the conference and made some good contacts for GES as well.

On Saturday after the conference I had lunch with Pastor Rodney Cripps, two members of his pastoral staff, Steve and Stephen, a layperson from his church, Mike, and another Grace pastor in the area, Bruce. We spent two hours talking over a number of grace issues, and we tentatively agreed to have a GES regional in Charlotte in 2007. 



Bob with Dr. Norman Geisler at ISCA

## Highlights

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Coast Bible Church before Bob spoke

## Victor Street Bible Chapel Dallas, TX

June 4

My preaching through First John is nearing the end. I covered 1 John 4:20-5:15. We obey God by living by faith in Jesus. Obedience is not a matter of gutting it out. It is a matter of daily and moment-by-moment believing in Jesus and His guarantees of everlasting life (5:13) and of answered prayer when we ask Him to enable us to keep His commandments (5:3b-5, 14-15).

In the Lord's Supper we continued the discussion begun last time on the importance of proclaiming eternal security when we evangelize. PG

## Discussion of Gospel Issues College Station, TX

June 19

A group of eight Christian leaders from around the State of Texas met at Grace Bible Church in College Station to discuss key gospel issues.

This was an outstanding time of interaction. I really appreciate each of you Partners for making it possible for me to take part in think tanks such as this one. PG

## Coast Bible Church San Juan Capistrano, CA

June 25

Pastor Neil Anderson asked me to speak on propitiation in Sunday School and 2 Cor 5:9-11 in the worship service. My SS message was entitled, "Sins Aren't the Issue in Evangelism." I showed that while we all, believers and unbelievers, have a problem with sin, the cross means that our sins are no longer a barrier to us having eternal life. One is sent to the lake of fire because his name isn't in the Book of Life, not because of his sins (Rev 20:11-15). Jesus is the propitiation for the sins of the whole world (1 John 2:2). We also looked at Rom 3:25 where Jesus is presented as the mercy seat for all who believe in Him (see the July-Aug *Grace in Focus*).

"What Is the Purpose that Drives Your Life?" was the title of my sermon. Our aim should be to be well pleasing to our soon-returning Lord Jesus. What a difference such a focus makes.

I was amazed to see a group of about 15 Amish in the audience this day. This was my first time ever to speak to Amish. They rarely attend non-Amish churches. They were warm afterwards and I was glad I spoke on the difference between the free gift of eternal life and the earning of eternal rewards. Amish typically do not believe that by faith in Jesus a person has everlasting life that can never be lost. PG

## Communion Chapel San Antonio, TX

June 18

Pastor Alex Mandes and I were contemporaries at DTS. He has been affiliated with GES from the very beginning.

Alex told me they'd been talking about discipleship and somehow I agreed to speak on the negative example of failed disciples in Scripture. I've given individual messages on people like Nadab and Abihu, Ananias and Saphira, and Demas. But I don't recall ever giving a message in which we looked a number of cautionary examples. I found the message very challenging, as I think the audience did as well. PG

## Grace Bible Church Charlotte, NC

June 11

I've known Pastor Donnie Preslar for nearly 20 years. And I've been speaking at GBC for nearly that long. It was a great joy to be able to speak here after the ICSA Conference.

In Sunday School I spoke on "Lordship Salvation for Dummies." We had a lively discussion! Then in church I spoke on the prodigal son from Luke 15.

After church I enjoyed a fine lunch and discussion with Donnie and Bonnie, Bernie and Julie Hunsucker, and Rick and Brenda Nance. PG

## Discussions on Assurance Villa Park, CA

June 26

On this occasion I met with Dr. John Niemelä, Ricardo Campos, Frank Tyler, and Tim Nichols. We discussed the issue that has been a hot one in GES lately, that in order to be born again one must believe that by faith in Jesus he has everlasting life, life that is secure no matter what we do or don't do in the future. This was a very helpful discussion. We covered a lot of ground. We all agreed that this was an outstanding time. PG

## Mom

As Mom will be 94 in October, I am so grateful each time when I go to Southern California and am able to visit with her. The fact that she is mentally sharp at this age is fantastic. PG



Grace Bible Church in Charlotte, NC before Bob spoke



Bob with Tim Nichols, Frank Tyler, John Niemelä, and Ricardo Campos speaking about assurance



Bob with Dr. Barry Leventhal at the ISCA Conference



Communion Chapel in San Antonio before Bob spoke



Bob with the Preslars, Nances and Hunsuckers of Grace Bible Church, Charlotte

## Grace on the Go

July

- 7-8 Omaha GES Regional Conference
- 9 Community Bible Church, Omaha, NE
- 30-31 GES Summer Board Meeting

August

- 6 Bayside Community Church, Tampa, FL
- 20 Northwest Bible Church, San Antonio, TX
- 25-26 So. Cal. GES Regional Conference
- 27 Coast Bible Church, San Juan Capistrano