

# Notes & Letters

## Question from Korea

Your articles have always been of great help to my understanding of the Bible though on this particular article (Bob Wilkin "Does Hell Await Those Who Fall? 2 Peter 2:18-22," Grace in Focus [May 1988]), I was not fully convinced. I must admit that I was more inclined to accept Dr. Constable's interpretation that the people referred to in this passage were false teachers rather than the believers who were being led astray. However, on the second reading of the article, I realized that Dr. Wilkin's point about "change in referent" also seemed highly probable (hence my struggle began).

D.S. - Seoul, Korea

## Enjoyed the White Debate

I'm on your mailing list and hold to a "somewhat" Calvinistic orientation concerning salvation. However, after listening to the debate I am very intrigued by Dr. Wilkin's arguments and exegesis of the passages he used to prove the non-Lordship position and eternal security.

M.S. - Baltimore, Ohio

## Great Discussions between Zane & Bob

Thanks for the fine series of audio tapes with Bob and Zane Hodges. They are extremely good—in my opinion—and provide

excellent exposition of the relevant Scriptures. I'm sure that many will find them helpful.

B.F. - Richlands, VA

## Blessed by Online Audio on Matthew 7

I am a follower of Jesus Christ and have been for 16 years. Tonight I was studying Matt 7:21-23 and in doing so, I became intensely interested in knowing just what Jesus meant when He said, "Not everyone who says 'Lord, Lord' will enter the kingdom of heaven...but those who do the will of the Father." It's as if I never quite looked at the verse this way before and I became somewhat puzzled and concerned. As I examined the verse further and meditated on its meaning, I was then compelled to do an internet search and I then found Bob Wilkin's explanation on your site. I thank the Lord He brought me here. I was blessed to find a thorough, straightforward, biblically-sound explanation. I am

very grateful! Thanks to Bob and everyone at Faith Alone. May GOD continue to make you a blessing as you help others see the truth with clarity.

M.R. - Email



Bob visiting with Pastor Philippe Sterling for lunch

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## Vista Ridge Bible Church

Lewisville, TX


July 10

I've known Pastor Philippe Sterling for over 20 years. We were at Dallas Seminary together. He is a solid Free Grace advocate from Haiti and has attended our annual conference many times.

Philippe is fluent in French and when I was in the doctoral program he helped me by translating some French for me.

This church is a multinational one. There are people from India, Africa, and South America there, as well as Philippe who is from Haiti. What a pleasure it was to speak there.

My topic was saving your life by losing your life (Matt 16:24-28). That is a paradox that makes a lot of sense. Only by giving our life away do we find true fulfillment and joy.

Philippe was out of town that Sunday. But he and I had lunch two weeks later on July 20th. It was good to see him again. 




Vista Ridge on Sunday morning before Bob's message

## Frisco (TX) Bible Church

July 3

Pastor Wayne Braudrick was off in Scotland finishing up his doctorate and so I was privileged to fill the pulpit in both services. Wayne asked me to speak on spiritual freedom on our nation's Independence Day weekend. I spoke on John 8:31-36.

Only by knowing and abiding in the truth of God's Word can a believer be set free from bondage to sin. The expression, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free" is directed to believers. The truth of God's Word is not optional for us. To have spiritual victory, we need the Bible.

It was a great time for Sharon and me, including a nice lunch afterwards. 



Bob, Sharon, & Jeremy visiting with members of FBC

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## Financial Report

July Revenue	\$44,368
July Budget	\$28,204 (tentative)
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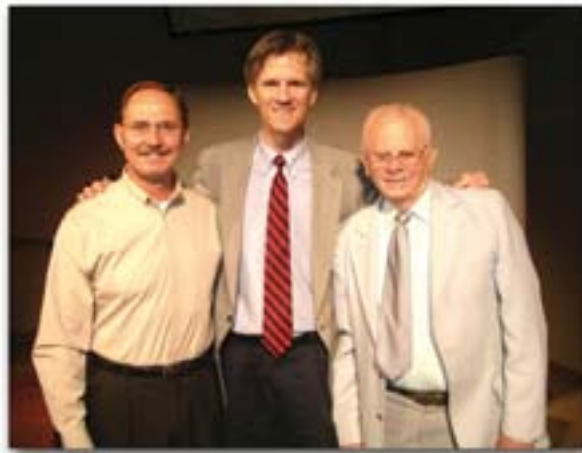


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Bob with Jack Eggar and Art Rorheim

## Speaking to AWANA Staff Streamwood, IL

July 27

AWANA Clubs International has a strong commitment to clarity in evangelism. I was privileged to speak to several hundred AWANA staff on that very subject. My message was very well received. They sure are an encouraging bunch. It was great to meet Jack Eggar, the head of AWANA, and to see Art Rorheim, the co-founder, and Bob Stacy, Director of Biblical Review and Evangelism.

## Conference on Grace Issues Lake Zurich, IL

July 28-29

Hearing about a conference dealing with grace issues with Drs. Ryrie, Moyer, and Lightner as plenary speakers, I found my way there. Plus the host pastor, Dr. James Scudder, is someone I'd heard about for years.

I saw many GES friends there and met lots of new people as well. It was a good time of fellowship and interaction.

## New Life Baptist Church Lake in the Hills, IL

July 31

Mark Wood is the Pastor of this GARBC Church. After an overview of eternal rewards in Sunday school, we considered 2 Cor 5:9-11 in the worship service. Everyone was very enthusiastic about what I shared. Afterwards I enjoyed a nice lunch with Mark and Judy Wood as well as Carol and Bob Stacy, with whom I stayed and enjoyed fellowship on Saturday night.

## Grace on the Go

### August

- 7-8 GES Summer Board Meeting
- 14 Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas, TX
- 20-21 LSU (Baton Rouge, LA) Faculty Club, Nick Kalivoda's Bible classes
- 25-26 So. Cal. Regional GES Conference, San Juan Capistrano, CA
- 27 East Clairemont SBC, San Diego, CA

### September

- 17-18 Bayside Community Church, Tampa, FL
- 22-24 GA GES Regional Conference, LaGrange, GA
- 25 East LaGrange (GA) Baptist Church
- 25-26 Free Grace Seminary, Hampton, GA

October – IL, TX, MT, New Zealand, & Australia.



The AWANA staff before Bob's message



New Life Baptist on Sunday morning

## Westchester Bible Church Westchester, IL

July 30-31

Jim Scudder, Jr. is the pastor of this historic church. On Saturday about a dozen people from the Chicago area met at his church. I spoke on the issues of faith and perseverance in a 5-hour seminar. We all had a great time.

I spoke to the congregation at WBC on Sunday night, dealing with the doctrine of eternal rewards. My thanks to Jim and his wife Karen for their hospitality. They treated me like a member of the family during my time at the conference and at their church.

## Victor Street Bible Chapel Dallas, TX

July 17

My series in First John brought us to 1 John 3:19-23. What a passage. John says that loving in deed and truth gives us boldness in prayer. I'd not really thought about this before. Reading Zane's commentary on this tough passage really brought it into focus.

I was puzzled over how realizing that God knows all things can calm a troubled heart. But it hit me that John is emphasizing that God sees the loving things we do. We tend to see and remember our failures. John reminds us that God sees and remembers our triumphs! What a thought. And He is pleased when we love in deed and truth. That's an awesome thought too.

It was a joy to be back in my home church after speaking at other churches for the previous three weeks.

## Spotlight on Your Support

As I reflect on 18 years as the head of GES, I'm amazed at what God has done. We have grown beyond my initial expectations. Our publications are reaching people all over the world. The annual conference had over 300 attendees this year!

Success concerns me, however. Whenever we grow, I check to make sure that we are taking an uncompromising stand on grace issues. If we lose our message, then GES ought to cease to exist. Our message is our ministry.

Rest assured that we at GES are totally committed to standing firm for clarity in evangelism and discipleship. We would much rather shrink and stay true to the message than have a \$10,000,000 budget and hundreds of thousands of readers of our newsletter and journal.

We do hope to grow. But if we do, our commitment is that it will not be because we have broadened our theology to bring more into our tent.

Thank you for your support of the Free Grace message. Together we are making a big difference.



WBC before Bob's message



Bob visiting with Dr. Charles Ryrie at a Chicago conference



Frisco Bible on Sunday morning