

# notes & letters

## ges cyberspace seminary

I really enjoyed the GESOT Greek class and appreciate all your work grading my papers, which were lengthy on occasion. I learned a lot this semester. It was a blessing. Thanks for all your work proclaiming the gospel.  
N.P. - Missionary in Mexico

## conference audio

I received the mp3 cd a few weeks ago, and am about halfway through. I cannot overemphasize the difference that GES and the FG movement in general has made to my Christian walk. The beautiful outworkings of the teachings of grace have provided a solid foundation to my growth in the knowledge of God's Word.  
T.V. - e-mail

## 5-points of praise

Being a 4-point Calvinist (with certain theological problems perplexing me), I enjoyed Zane Hodges' book, *Absolutely Free*. The search for absolute truth continues.  
D.F. - Pueblo, CO



roz, greg, rené, marialis at so cal regional

## assurance again

I am thankful to God for Zane Hodges and everyone [else] who has helped take the fear out of reading the Bible. Every time I used to read the Scriptures I saw a warning of hell in everything. I avoided many passages because of the fear they produced in me.



bob taught a sunday school class at coast bible church

When I first believed in Christ, I never doubted by salvation. Then I read [some other books] and lost that joy and assurance. One day I came across *Gospel Under Siege*, *Absolutely Free* and *The Hungry Inherit*. Reading these books brought me back to when I first got saved. I began again to believe I was saved because I know whom I have believed.

S.C. - e-mail

## thanks from prison

I am serving a 12-year sentence and I lost my mother, father, wife and grandma to cancer. I am currently incarcerated and am most grateful and thankful to receive your newsletter *Grace in Focus*.  
M.P. - Tennessee Colony, TX

## financial report

Aug Budget	\$32,100
Aug Revenue	\$16,145 <-\$15,955>
YTD Budget*	\$64,200*
YTD Revenue	\$40,669 <-\$23,531>

\*our fiscal year runs from july-june

# partners in grace

september 2006

## southern california regional grace conference august 25-26, san juan capistrano, ca

Attendance was down some from the previous year. However, enthusiasm and edification were up. We had an outstanding conference. The messages and audience interaction were super.

MP3 CDs of the conference should be ready by the time you receive this. For just \$15 you can listen to 6 general session messages and 13 workshops. Here are general session titles: "Must We Believe His Promise?" by Dr. John Niemelä, "Assurance and the Marathon of Faith" by Lt. Col. Ken Yates, "Perseverance Not Required," by Pastor Arch Rutherford, "Faith Isn't a Gift" by Pastor René Lopez, "51% Faith Isn't Faith" and "Faith Isn't a Choice," by Bob Wilkin. There were excellent workshops on Co1 1:21-23, Rom 10:9-10, Lois and Eunice, NT Giving, Piper's *Desiring God*, Second Timothy 2:1-13, Missions, Interpretation, Degrees of Faith?, Eternal Security, Phil 3:11, and two on Evangelism. Order your MP3 of all the conference messages, plenary and workshops, today. PG



one of the workshops at the southern california grace conference



L to R: brad, jean, jeff, j.b., eva, ralph, and sharon and bob

## ges summer board meeting july 30-31, dallas, tx

We had a great board meeting. The board approved the publication of up to five new grace books by GES this coming year! We soon hope to release an expanded and revised edition of the classic *Grace in Eclipse* by Zane Hodges (see picture of cover on p. 3). In addition, we also hope to reprint two of his other works which are either out of print or soon to be: *The Hungry Inherit* and *The Gospel Under Siege*. The board approved a new budget that is almost \$30,000 more than the previous year, with most of that new money being spent on publishing more books than we did last year. PG

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**bayside  
community  
church**  
august 6, tampa, fl



bcc

The audience was very receptive to my two messages from James. I spoke on James 2:14-17 and the meaning of faith without works is dead. If we say but do not do what we believe (James 2:12), then our lack of application of what we believe will not profit us (2:14) or our brothers in need (2:15-16).

My other message was on the will of God from James 4:13-17. We should not boast about what we will do in the future because we do not know what God's secret will is. Our lives are in His hands. PG



bob with margaret riedel at bayside



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**westcliff  
community  
church**  
july 30, dallas, tx

I enjoyed speaking at this Dallas church. I spoke on Jesus' great I-am saying, "I am the resurrection and the life," found in John 11:25-27. My title was, "You Can Be Sure." The congregation was very responsive. One man in particular told me after the service how vital it is that people know with certainty that they have irrevocable life based simply on faith in Jesus. PG

**your dollars  
matter**

For a small ministry, we've been blessed to be able to have a big impact. We consider gifts as precious.

Your dollars allow us to produce the following each year: six newsletters, two journals, multiple books and booklets, CDs and DVDs, one annual conference, five or more regional conferences, ministry in U.S. and foreign churches, and a website with thousands of free articles as well as scores of free audio.

Thank you. Our desire is that your gift will help contribute to being what the Lord Jesus calls "rich toward God" (Luke 12:21). PG

**coast bible  
church**  
august 27, san juan  
capistrano, ca

In Sunday school I spoke the issue of how we find the will of God for our lives. I suggested that the Bible guides us as to God's moral will and that there is freedom beyond that, though the choices we matter in terms of whether and how much we are glorifying God.



cbc

My sermon was a reprise of "If the Lord Wills" from James 4:13-17 (see Tampa).

While in California, I was able to visit my mother as well as some of my other family members. PG



bob's mother, sister, aunt, and cousins

**grace on the go**

**September**

- 17 Blue Ridge Bible Church, Kansas City, MO
- 22-23 Atlanta GES Regional Conference
- 24 County Line Church, Hampton, GA
- 25 Attending a Conference at DTS on "Current Trends and Traps in Theology"

**October**

- 6 The Urban Alternative Conference, Dallas, TX
- 14-16 Ministry in Ft. Collins, CO
- 25-26 GES Regional Conference in Auburn, WA
- 27-28 GES Regional Conference in Spokane, WA
- 29 Spokane Bible Church

**the commentary**

So far Jeremy and I have completed Matthew and Mark and are part way through John. As we complete the editing of a book, we send it back to the author for his approval and possible further changes. When we get that back, we will do a final edit and then proof the entire 1,200 page commentary. We aim to print in the spring of next year.

Printing will cost approximately \$25,000. If you have some extra funds and would like to help with the printing costs, please put "commentary" on the memo line of your check. If you'd like to split a gift, put "general fund, \$X, commentary, \$Y" on the memo line. PG



bob with four bible college students from phoenix, arizona at the so cal conference



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**northwest  
communitychurch**  
august 19-20, san antonio, tx

This church is pastored by a friend of mine, Dave Smith. He and I graduated from DTS together in 1982.

Dave was out on a hike, so he put me through my paces in his absence. I preached three times, back to back to back. I don't know how he does it every week. It was very tiring.

As in Tampa at Bayside, I preached on James 2:14-17 and the fact that only when we apply what we believe do we and others profit from our faith. All three congregations were very receptive.

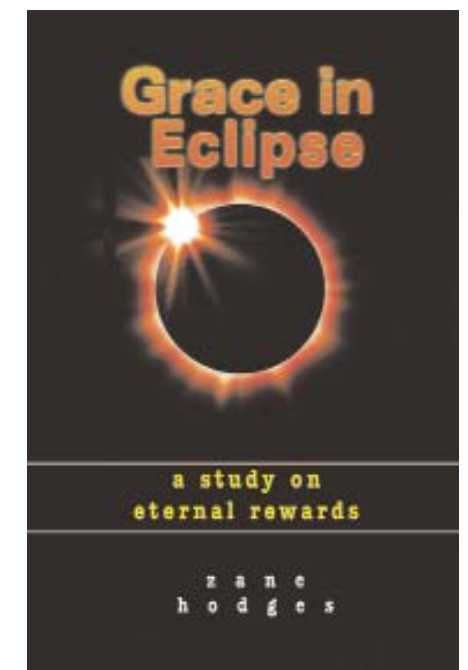
I also enjoyed a time of informal interaction on Saturday night with a few of the families in the church. PG



one of the three services at northwest community church

**prayer requests**

Please pray for the speakers and attendees for the Atlanta (Sept 22-23), Auburn, WA (Oct 25-26), and Spokane, WA (Oct 27-28) regionals, for the editing and completion of our NT Commentary project, for the GES staff, Jeremy, Ladd, Veneta, and Bob, for the GES Board (Troy, Brad, J.B., Ralph, Jeff, and Bob), for Free Grace churches, for our newsletters, journals, and book publishing, and for our website. PG



possible new cover for the soon-to-be-released new edition of *grace in eclipse*