

# Notes & Letters

## Truly Uplifted

It is so refreshing to read some Biblically sound literature—so hard to find in this world so full of false-gospel Christians...I've read several editions of Grace in Focus and have been truly uplifted, especially by the Sept/Oct 2002 issue ("Eternal Security: Crucial in Evangelism and Discipleship").

D.C. - Sturtevant, WI

## What Blessings!

You cannot know how much GES has blessed me spiritually over these last seven years. I have been saved and a believer in Jesus Christ since 1971 (age 6) but in 1997 (the first week I was on the [inter]net) I prayed to God to show me truth and in that first week I surfed to GES! Faith Alone in Christ Alone!!!

M.T. - Huntsville, AL

## Hungry for Him

All I know is that I am so hungry for the Lord that I can barely stand it. Again, if the GES message is not getting through to anyone, it is getting through to me. It is messing up some of my good sermons [from the past]. But that is ok so

long as the Lord gives me better ones. Transformation is tough and painful... Thank you again for your courageous, faithful proclaiming of the Gospel.

K.R. - GA

## Truth Found on the Web

I completely agree [with Bob Wilkin's article "Revelation 3:20: A Call to Fellowship" GIF (Jan/Feb 2001)]. Thank you for your diligent labor & for putting all of your articles on the web for our study!

W.G. - Gainesville, TX

## Letter from a Kiwi

I've always had problems with the idea that we can have tests of assurance of salvation so without

knowing it I suppose I subscribed to the free grace position. I haven't read much at all in the Lordship salvation controversy. Although, I knew it existed but am now coming to terms with all this in the context of 1 John. I have come across your site and am very pleased to have this resource available.

J.C. - New Zealand



Bob spoke at Victor Street Bible Chapel on Sept 19th

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## Berean Memorial Church


### Irving, TX

September 26

In the Spring of 1982 I taught a Lay Institute class on the doctrine of salvation at Dallas Theological Seminary. A young man named Leon Adkins took the class. He did quite well and I encouraged him to enroll as a regular student at DTS.

Leon now pastors a Free Grace church not far from the GES offices in Irving, Berean Memorial Church.

I've known about Berean Memorial since around the time I taught that Lay Institute class in 1982. I pastored a church in Lewisville, Texas from 1982 through 1984. One of the members of that church, Joyce Edwards, had grown up in Berean Memorial Church. I learned from Joyce that it was a Free Grace church pastored by Dr. John Danish. I met Dr. Danish and heard him preach once in 1986. Dr. Danish went home to be with the Lord in September of 2003.

Leon asked me to speak on the prodigal son. This is one of my favorite messages. It was very well received. I really enjoyed my time there. 



Berean Memorial on Sunday morning

## Oak Hills Community

### E-Free Church

#### Argyle, TX

September 5

I've touched on 2 Corinthians 5:9-10 many times in my preaching. However, I've never treated verse 11. Since Pastor Mark Piland specifically asked me to cover verses 9-11, I took on the challenge for the first time.

I enjoyed preparing and giving this message. In addition to long time friends Mark and Debbie Piland, Bob and Carol Swift and David and Linda Renfro, GES Partners and dear friends, were present as well.

Oh, before I forget, about verse 11. I concluded that the NKJV's "terror" in "Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men..." is not the best choice. The Greek word is *phobos*, from which we get the phobia words. It means "fear."



Bob and Sharon with Mark and Debbie Piland

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## Financial Report

Sept Revenue	\$20,527
Sept Budget	\$27,320
YTD Revenue	\$65,582
YTD Budget	\$81,960



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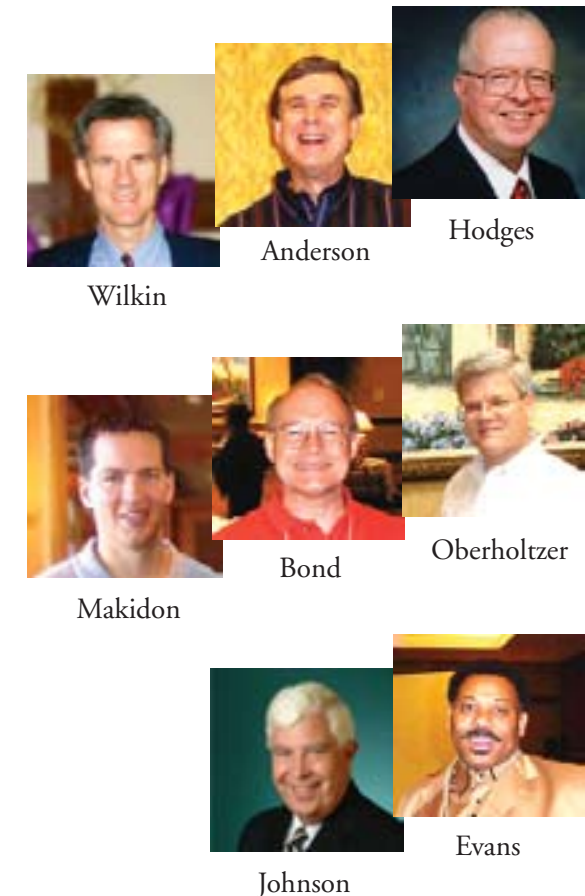
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The 2005 Grace Conference Lineup



Berean members Charles Newman, Tracey Teems, Gilmer Holt, and Linda Cross

Prayer Requests

We are almost finished editing my new book on assurance: *Secure and Sure*. Please pray that this book will help those who lack assurance. Also, please pray for the conference. It is quickly approaching! **RG**

The Grace Conference  
March 14-17, 2005

The Grace Conference is quickly approaching. So far we have eight plenary speakers committed: 1) Dave Anderson, pastor of Faith Community Church in the Woodlands, TX; 2) J.B. Bond, pastor of Countryside Bible Church in Stillwater, OK; 3) Zane Hodges, a leading spokesman for the grace movement who has ministered in the Dallas area for over 48 years; 4) Elliott Johnson, Professor of Bible Exposition at Dallas Theological Seminary; 5) Michael Makidon, Director of Publications for GES; 6) Kem Oberholtzer, Professor of Biblical Literature at Grace School of Theology; 7) Bob Wilkin, founder and Executive Director of GES; and 8) Tony Evans, pastor of Oak Cliff (TX) Bible Fellowship and President of the Urban Alternative. In addition, there are 24 workshops scheduled. You do not want to miss this year's conference!

Have you signed up yet? If you sign up before December 31, you will receive \$50 off the regular registration price of \$150. If you know of a pastor that has never experienced one of our Grace Conferences, we would like to invite them to attend for free. Also, anyone who has never attended can register for just \$50.

The 2005 conference is shaping up to be our best conference ever. Please pray that this will have a great impact on all those who hear the messages whether at the conference itself or afterwards on tapes and CDs. **RG**

Grace on the Go

- October**  
 2-3 Bayside Community Church, Tampa, FL  
 6-7 The Urban Alternative Church Leader's Conference, Dallas, TX  
 10 Waxahachie (TX) Bible Church  
 31 Simi Valley (CA) E-Free Church
- November**  
 7 Arlington (TX) Community Church  
 16-19 Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meetings, San Antonio, TX  
 19-21 Communion Bible Chapel, San Antonio, Texas
- December**  
 4-5 Grace Bible Church, Laredo, TX
- January**  
 8-22 Chafer Theological Seminary (Advanced Hermeneutics), Orange, CA

Oak Hills

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Paul had "fear of the Lord" as He thought about the Bema (v 10). This surely includes reverential awe. It probably also extends to a concern about his outcome at the Bema.

When he speaks of persuading men, I think he is being intentionally vague there. Is this evangelism or discipleship? Both, I conclude. He persuaded believers in light of the Bema to live for Christ. But unbelievers he persuaded to believe in Christ so that they could have the opportunity to appear at the Bema. **RG**

Secure and Sure

I've been promising to finish this book for a while now. Well, it's finally done. Almost. We sent it off for endorsements last month. Since then we've been doing proofing and a little tweaking. This month we plan to typeset it and hopefully send it off to the printer. If so, it will probably be in print by Christmas, rather than Thanksgiving as we had hoped. I hope you agree it has been worth the wait. We are optimistic about this book.

Your support makes projects like this possible. I wouldn't have the time to work on books like this without it. Plus your support has allowed me to write hundreds of newsletter and journal articles and two books over the past twenty years and that has allowed my writing and thinking to mature to the point where I could tackle a tough yet vital topic like this.

GES is a vehicle to publish Free Grace material that might be hard to publish elsewhere. Due to the fact that we are supported, we are able to sell our books at a price below, and in some cases far below, what books of similar length generally sell for. Because of this we can get the message into the hands of more people. We have found that if we can keep the prices low, more people will buy them.

Please know that you are much appreciated by all of us at GES, staff and board. I hope when you see this book you will remember that it is "our" effort and that we will all share in any rewards that come as a result of it.

Thanks again. **RG**

Commentary Fund Update

171 Gifts to Go

We asked last month for 175 people to give \$200 each for the commentary project. So far we have received 4 special gifts. 171 to go. Please continue to pray for this important project. **RG**



Oak Hills on Sunday morning before Bob spoke



Berean members Robert Nicholas, Erick Woodell, and James Adkins



Berean Memorial's Pastor Leon Adkins and Bob