

Notes & Letters

Faith Alone in Africa

I recently attended a GES conference in Dallas earlier this year. I have struggled with Lordship salvation for a long time. It is so refreshing to know that I can have assurance of my salvation without having to look to my works to prove it.

I am currently working as a missionary in Africa. We have recently started teaching a new Bible study for the churches we work with (as of now over 1000!). One of our main focuses is to teach believers the difference between the gift of eternal life (Eph. 2:8-9) and the Prize that a Christian must earn (2 Cor. 5:9-10) The Christians we work with have never heard of this before, and the results have been astonishing! We had one pastor tell us "my whole life I have been afraid of losing my salvation, now for the first time I no longer have that fear."

D.K. - Africa

Great Conference in California!

This was an absolutely tremendous conference for me! I enjoyed the speakers and teachers. I have been a member of GES for eight months and my faith has been strengthened measurably. I have struggled with assurance in my faith for years and now have energy and real desire to serve God. My love for Him and for fellow believers is growing through grace. I was warned in the past that too much emphasis on grace would lead to sin! I have found the absolute opposite to be the case!

M.R. - Lake Elsinore, CA



Jon Claassen and Tony Guhr in Whitewater, Kansas

GES is a Breath of Fresh Air

I am fairly new to the Grace movement and have become convinced of the Biblical theology I find there. The Society has been a breath of fresh air. I am personally very grateful for your articles and have been mightily challenged. I graduated from seminary in 1977 and have been very disappointed in [that seminary's] shift in theology and have been looking for this kind of group. May God continue to bless you in this ministry. Thanks!

B.H. - Yuma, AZ

Hungry for Grace

Let me encourage you that there are many, many people out there like myself who you may not hear from but who are hungry for the true Gospel and who eagerly wait for your books, JOTGES, and all the other materials you provide. We in turn try to pass the grace message on to others.

H.W. - Buford, GA

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Community Ministry Whitewater, KS

September 10-11

I've known Steve and Vicki Anderson and their son Joe for about 5 years now. You may remember that this past summer I spoke in Southern California to a high school Bible Study Group called The Fight Club. Well, I got a chance to see them in their home area.

On Saturday afternoon I hung out with some of the Fight Club guys. We had burgers and played Shuffleboard not with sticks, but on a very long table with something like salt on it. The pucks really went. It was hard to keep from sliding them off the other end, maybe 25 feet away. We also went to a huge sporting goods store and just looked at guns and fishing poles and all kinds of interesting stuff.

That night I gave my testimony to the Fight Club, their parents, and visitors from town. There were about 60 or so present. I also talk to them about 3 ways in which people take the warning passages in the Bible: 1) we are being warned about losing eternal life, 2) we are being warned that though we are eternally secure, we are accountable, or 3) we are being warned about proving we never had eternal life. There were three tables there and I joking labeled each table as having one of those views. The school superintendent, who was sitting at the accountability table, table 2,

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Q&A at the Georgia Regional Conference—
Notice the "Sola Fide" Shirts!

Georgia Regional Conference LaGrange, GA


September 22-24

All the hard work put in by Pastor Josh Forbus, his dad, Buddy Forbus, Jeremy Myers in the GES office, and a host of people in East LaGrange Baptist Church, paid off in an excellent conference.

We had about fifty people total at the conference and they were extremely enthusiastic about the conference. We heard lots of great reports.

Colonel Ken Yates gave six messages. I've know Ken for many years. We are fellow DTS grads and disciples of Zane Hodges. His messages were truly outstanding.

My five messages went well. Josh preached with tremendous power and conviction on repentance. John Niemelä spoke on James 2 and Ephesians 2:1-10 and provided powerful insights.

Tapes of the messages are available. Contact the office for pricing information. Plans are already underway for another Georgia Regional next Fall. 



The "Accountability Table" in Whitewater, Kansas

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Financial Report

Sept Budget	\$29,212
Sept Revenue	\$24,186 (-\$5,026)
YTD Budget*	\$87,636
YTD Revenue	\$89,402 (+\$1,766)

*Our Fiscal Year is July 1-June 30



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October 2005



The Georgia Regional Conference was well attended and had some great speakers.



There was a good turnout for the seminar on Lordship Salvation at the Free Grace Seminary in Hampton, GA



Bob Spoke at East LaGrange Baptist Church on Sunday after the Georgia Regional Conference

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said, "There's plenty of room here at Table 2." Everyone laughed at that.

On Sunday I spoke in the morning, at noon, and again at 2:30. I covered the 7 recorded saying of Jesus on the cross in the morning, the Lord's Supper at noon, and 6 tough texts in the afternoon. All were well received.

I sure felt at home. My thanks to everyone in Whitewater, KS. They are a loving group.

Free Grace Seminary Lordship Salvation Seminar Hampton, GA

September 25-26

Rick Whitmire is the head of this one-year old school, which teaches both undergraduate and graduate courses. It meets at County Line Church, pastored by Dr. Mike Halsey, another strong Free Grace proponent.

I gave seven messages on Lordship Salvation. I really enjoyed the interaction with students from Free Grace Seminary as well as people from County Line Church, Community Bible Church, and several other churches in Georgia and even Alabama.

East LaGrange (GA) Baptist Church

September 25

Ken Yates did a great job in Sunday School on the woman caught in adultery. I gave a sermon on Matthew 7:21-23 and the deficiencies of both Lose-It Lordship Salvation and Prove-It Lordship Salvation. We had a fine potluck supper afterwards.

Grace on the Go

October

- 1-2 Northgrove Evangelical Church, Rockford, IL
- 5-7 Urban Alternative Conference, DFW, TX
- 9-13 Arrow Conference, Auckland, New Zealand
- 14-24 Cross Road Bible Church, Forrestfield, Australia
- 28-30 E-Free NW Regional Conference, Alberton, MT

November

- 6 Arlington (TX) Community Church
- 15-18 Annual Meeting of ETS, Valley Forge, PA
- 19-23 Maranatha Bible Church (Wilmar, MN) & Zion Community Church (Wilmot, SD)

Bayside Community Church Tampa, FL

September 17-18

It was good to be back at this church. I spoke on the warning passages in Hebrews—all five of them. All that in two 40-minute messages! It was a challenge. But the people there really love the Bible and like to hear it taught.

I was fully challenged. Still, it went well and people grasped what the passages were warning against.

My thanks to Margaret Riedel for her hospitality in putting me up and to the whole church for their warmth and encouragement.

Gold and Dross

by Dr. Jim Townsend

This book provides a Christian perspective on fifteen world class writers. It should be at the printer by the time you read this newsletter. We have included an order form with a special pre-sale price of \$10, which includes shipping and handling. It will sell for \$13.95 plus \$3.50 S & H. If you like famous authors of the classics, this book is for you.



Annual GES Conference

February 27-March 2, 2006

This year's conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Suites in Dallas, TX. Dr. Charles Ryrie will be speaking as well as Zane Hodges, Brian Fisher, Kem Oberholtzer, J. Paul Tanner, Bob Bryant and Bob Wilkin. This is going to be an excellent conference!

There will also be about 30-40 workshops and several other breakout sessions for commentary writers to give an overview of the book they are writing on.

If you register early there is a discount, so register online or by calling us at 972.257.1160.

Commentary Update

The commentary project is moving ahead. We have all of the commentators finalizing and submitting their sections, and we have begun editing a few of the books. If we stay on schedule, we should be able to have the commentary ready by the end of 2006.

The commentary project is still lacking in funds, so if you are able to make a special gift to the commentary fund this month, it would be appreciated.



Bayside Community Church in Tampa, Florida



Jim and Peggy Prince at the Georgia Regional Conference



We have a great line-up for next year's Conference. Don't miss it!