

notes & letters

enjoyed messages

I enjoyed both of your messages Sunday morning at Coast Bible Church, August 27. [You gave me] a lot to think about and apply.
L.P. - Wellsboro, PA

amused by "dummies"

I was amused by your latest [article] "Lordship Salvation for Dummies." I am opposed to Calvinism and am not a spiritual descendant of the Arminians.

...Faith and deep contrition alone do not provide 'remission of sins.' One is 'born again' of the Word, of the 'water and the Spirit.' Many of those you describe as 'born again but confused' have not been born again. You are not born again either and you are confused. I only wish there was some way to convince you of the truth of the gospel.

...A faith that does not work the works of God [or] respond in submission and obedience is insufficient to save.

T.M. - Baytown, TX

loved "dummies"

The "Lordship Salvation for Dummies" article was superb. It's the best, simplest presentation of the issue I have seen. The C.O.P. acronym is as powerful a tool as TULIP.
J.C. - e-mail



ken yates and friends at atlanta conf.

"dummies" one of the best

I am writing to thank you for the excellent article "Lordship Salvation for Dummies." It is one of the best-written articles I have ever read. It is sound, easy to follow, and nails the issue squarely.
T.C. - e-mail

disappointed with "dummies"

I am disappointed with Dr. Wilkin's recent article "Lordship Salvation for Dummies" for a number of reasons...the first step in entering a debate of this kind

is this: One must be able to accurately restate the position of one's opponents to his satisfaction. Wilkin has not done this; instead he has corrupted our position entirely. His article is full of misquotes, misrepresentation, misstatements, overstatements, understatement, exaggerations, distortions, perversions, fabrications. His work is a travesty.
N.V. - Phoenix, AZ

financial report

	Help Needed
Sept Budget	\$32,100
Sept Revenue	\$19,627 <-\$12,473>
YTD Budget*	\$96,300*
YTD Revenue	\$60,296 <-\$36,004>

*our fiscal year runs from july-june



bob and mike halsey at atlanta conference

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blue ridge bible church september 16-18

Pastor Scott Sundin (pronounced Sun-dean) and his fellow leaders invited me back. Four years ago I spoke at their Bible Conference. This time I presented a mini-conference on postmodernism.

Postmodernism is difficult to understand and define, but one prominent idea among those who hold to postmodernism is that we can't be certain of anything, including God's existence. Amazingly, many Evangelicals today embrace postmodernism.

In Sunday School I spoke on "What is Postmodernism and Why Is It Dangerous?" The worship service was on the Parable of the Four Soils in Luke 8:11-18 with a message titled "The Centrality of God's Word." This parable is a wonderful answer to postmodernism, for in it Jesus shows that a proper response to God's Word is necessary to be born again, and also necessary to become fruitful in this life. The required response is faith, or persuasion, about what God says in His Word. Jesus believed in certainty even though Evangelical postmoderns do not!

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blue ridge bible church, kansas city, missouri



atlanta regional conference

second annual atlanta regional conference september 22-23

Our Atlanta conference moved from LaGrange to Hampton, a suburb of Atlanta that is much closer to the heart of town. Attendance was double last year, with 80-90 present at nearly all sessions. That is very encouraging. People came not only from all over Georgia, but from Alabama, South Carolina, Texas, and Florida.

There were four keynote speakers: Lt. Col. Ken Yates ("Eternal Rewards in Colossians, Part I and II"), Dr. Mike Halsey ("How to Spot Lordship Salvation"), Ralph "Yankee" Arnold ("Law and Grace"), and

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blue ridge bible church
kansas city, missouri

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On Sunday night, I gave two messages. The first was titled “The Gospel According to Postmodernism.” I especially enjoyed this. Evangelical postmoderns change the condition—faith in Christ—into submission to God. They also change the result—everlasting life—into well being here and now. Salvation for the postmodern is not about everlasting life or the kingdom or avoiding hell. It is about having an experience with God in the present.

My final topic for Sunday night was “How to Share Your Faith in a Postmodern Culture.” The answer is to do what Jesus did. Take the message found in John 3:16 and other



bob with pastor scott
sundin blue ridge bible

texts and share it. Don't fret that post-moderns have lots of baggage. Tell them the truth and leave the results up to God.

This mini-conference was well attended. There were 300 or more on Sunday morning and well over 100 on Sunday night. And they were very responsive and enthusiastic about what they learned. People hear a lot about Postmodernism, but don't know much about it, how to protect themselves from it, or how to respond to those who hold to it. PG

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me (“The Secret Believer in John,” “The Three Tenses of Salvation,” “Keep the Faith by Keeping Your Eyes on the Prize,” and “Reformed Perseverance Destroys Assurance”). There were also several workshop speakers, including Ken Yates, Mike Halsey, Hal Haller, Jeff Rutledge, Josh Forbus, and Chris Morrison.



atlanta conference workshop

All 14 messages are available in MP3 format for just \$15. For a complete list of all the message titles, see our website and click on regional conference/Georgia/schedule.

We got lots of great comments, some of which you can read here:

This is the first Grace Conference I have been to and I think it's amazing. It's refreshing to hear the Word expounded on in a way that explains the gospel clearly. The body needs to be equipped to take the gospel message into the world. It starts with a correct understanding of the gospel in our churches. Thank you for helping equip the church with the true gospel message.

The conference was fantastic! I loved every speaker I heard. I loved the topics. I don't know how you could make it better, but I guess with God, all things are possible. Please come back again. I will ask (invite) even more folks to come.

[The conference was] well worth the time. Let's do it again. How encouraging [it was] to see a church full of grace people. I'm getting the [MP3] so that takes care of



another atlanta workshop

that. I will be disappointed if we don't do it again next year.

I have truly enjoyed this conference as well as last year's. We get blasted by lordship salvation and confusion on the true gospel. Please come back. It's so refreshing. PG

county line church hampton, georgia september 24

On Sunday after the Georgia Regional Grace Conference, I was privileged to speak at Dr. Halsey's church. I enjoyed presenting again one of my favorite passages and messages: “Faith without works is unprofitable” (Jas 2:14-17). The audience was very receptive.

This message has been included in the Atlanta conference MP3. PG



county line congregational church
hampton, georgia

grace on the go

October

- 8 Victor Street Bible Chapel
Dallas, TX
- 14-16 Fort Collins Bible Church
Fort Collins, CO
- 21-22 Fellowship Bible Church
Colorado Springs, CO
- 25-26 Federal Way Regional Conf.
Federal Way, WA

- 27-28 Spokane Regional Conf.
Spokane, WA
- 29 Spokane Bible Church
Spokane, WA

November

- 15-17 Evangelical Theo Soc. Conf.
Washington D.C.

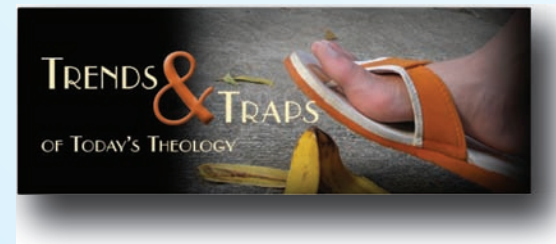


pastor jeff rutledge atlanta conf

prayer requests

Please pray for our financial support, for the two regional conference in Washington State (Oct 25-26 & 27-28), for the GES staff, Jeremy, Ladd, Veneeta, and Bob, for Bob's October ministry in Fort Collins and Colorado Springs, Colorado, for completion of and editing of the first drafts of all NT commentaries by the end of the year, especially for Al Valdez as he finishes his first drafts of Luke and Acts, for several grace pastors who are under fire by Lordship Salvation elders in their churches, and for planning for the March 5-8 annual conference. Thanks to the Lord for the excellent Atlanta regional conference and for all the people who attended. PG

dts conf september 25



Having been back from the Georgia Regional for 12 hours, I was off to a conference by 4 DTS professor: Drs. Bingham, Hannah, Horrell, and Kreider.

I was attracted to the conference because it was advertised as addressing *the meaning of the gospel*. One of the titles was “*What is the Password at the Pearly Gates?*” The speaker didn't answer that question! I asked him what the answer was. He said that a person must embrace Jesus' substitutionary cross work with an intellectual attachment and one must also have a heartfelt desire to follow Jesus. Needless to say, I was disappointed in that answer.

Another speaker referred to Christians as *those who have asked Jesus into their hearts*. I was surprised and disappointed to hear that too.

After the conference I realized that I could not recall a single reference to justification by faith alone, *sola fide*, faith alone in Christ alone, assurance as being of the essence of saving faith, or anything related to the clear gospel. In addition, I didn't hear a single mention of the

Bema/Judgment Seat of Christ, even though there was an entire message on issues in eschatology.

I learned some helpful things about how people are pushing for including more books in the Bible and also on how various world religions view Jesus. But concerning our issues, faith, assurance, and eternal rewards, I was disappointed by what was said and by what wasn't said. PG

grace conference registered yet? march 5-8, 2007

We will be back at The Crowne Plaza Hotel in North Dallas! Don't wait. Register before Jan 1st & save \$50. The \$110 early registration fee includes your spouse.

If you pre-order the Conference MP3 by Dec 31 you will also save big. This year we are putting all of the messages, plenary and workshops, on one MP3 for a great price:

\$40, which is 50% off this year's price. But if you order before Jan 1st, the cost is just \$20! PG



between sessions at atlanta conf