

Partners in Grace

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Bob with Robert Perkins, GES's CPA

**Victor Street Bible Chapel
Dallas, Texas
September 13**



When Paul journeyed to Rome (Acts 27:1-28:16), he demonstrated faith in God over and over again. He was calm in the storm. When the ship looked like it would surely sink and kill all the passengers, he stood on God's promise to him. When he was bit by a viper, he shook it off as though nothing had happened. He came to Rome knowing God had sent him to testify about Jesus before Caesar and his court.

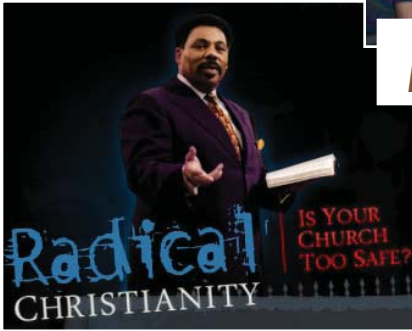
In the Lord's Supper message I spoke on Jonah and especially Chapter 3 and the repentance of the Ninevites. We also looked at Matt 12:41 where the Lord speaks about Jonah 3.

**Commentary Typesetting Finished
September 25th**

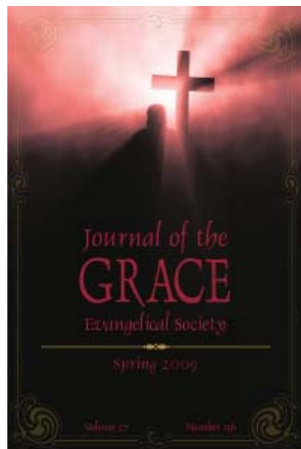
Kyle finished the typesetting by the end of September. We have been sending the typeset manuscripts off to all the commentary authors, giving them one week to proof their works and then get the corrections back to us.

The commentary looks great in typeset form. I think you will be pleased.

We have decided to sell it for \$29.95, but with a special price of \$19.95 that will last until the end of February. For a 1,000 page hardback book, that is quite a deal. And, by the way, we may be getting something called OpenBak Eurobinding, which means the book will easily stay open to wherever you turn. It will also make it easy to photocopy. We are able to sell the commentary so inexpensively because of your support of this project. While we do not have the money in the commentary fund to pay for the printing (or even for all of the author's fees—we have enough to pay each author half now), we do have money in our reserve fund which we will tap into. We thank God for the ability to complete this project.



Bob is scheduled to speak at the Kingdom Agenda Conference, Sept 30-Oct 1



New Journal Cover*



Please pray for Kyle, Holly, Mark, and Bob and their families (a praise item is that Kyle's wife Charmaine is fully recovered after having her thyroid removed); for the successful completion of the commentary project this year; for GES support; for the Free Grace movement; for the completion of the Autumn 2009 journal by the end of the year (the Spring 2009 journal is going to the printer now and could be in print by the end of October); for our decision about a new office (our lease expires October 31 and we are now considering staying put since they have solved the flooding problem and we like the location and price); for the completion of the agreement with Kerugma for Zane's copyrights (we are now only waiting on the accountant who has handled the Kerugma bookkeeping and accounting); and for Bob's upcoming travel and speaking.

Sept 30-Oct 1 Kingdom Agenda Conference by The Urban Alternative, Dallas, TX

Oct 4 Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas TX

Oct 11 Upland Bible Church, Las Vegas NV

Oct 16-17 Vista Ridge Bible Fellowship Men's Retreat, Sky Ranch, Van TX

Nov 1 Shreveport Bible Church, Shreveport LA

Nov 8 Frisco Bible Church, Frisco TX



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Notes and Letters

GES Journal and Books Are Priceless Assets

I wanted to say that the resources from JOTGES, and from the books I have purchased from GES, have been a wonderful/priceless asset to my ministry. From even before I went to ministry school, I had always found an issue with the gospel literature that I found in our assembly. I couldn't understand how a wicked man could turn from his wicked way without first being born again, and having the aid of the Holy Spirit. This caused me to rebel (as some would say) from the idea of even using the words *repent* or *turn*, or anything else that would detract from the simplicity of the gospel, and disassociate from people that do. In school, I read *Grace in Eclipse*, and I almost exploded. This was making sense. From that time on, I have been able to have discussions with many people, but for the first time now, I have the ammo to help explain the simplicity of the gospel and be effective at it. So, thank you for your work in keeping the ministry alive, and please take heart that even some of us young people are serious about God's word, understanding what it says, and making a difference before its too late.

—CG, Facebook comment

Appreciated Blog on What Is a Christian?

Bob, I really appreciated your message entitled "What is a Christian?" which appeared recently on the GES web site and I agree with your point of view.

—BF, email

Thanks for Your Ministry

Thank you for your ministry, Bob. I listen to the audio's you have posted regularly. I steal phrases from you all of the time when I lead our bible studies and to the men in our men's bible study. The teachings that you and Zane have done regarding the Olivet discourse and the Sermon on the Mount are some of my favorite. You are an immense blessing in my life and the lives of those that I speak to, even if they don't know you (even though I reference you and Zane a lot). Keep up the good work. I just wanted to encourage you and thank you.

—JB, email

Enjoys Grace in Focus, But Confused about a July-August GIF Article

We have been receiving your Grace in Focus and enjoy the teachings about salvation by grace from your ministry. I am concerned, however, about the July/August edition of Grace in Focus in which you write, "Hodges and Bryant showed that if a person has never believed that his eternal destiny is secure by faith in Jesus, then he has not yet been born again." I would like to know if you personally believe this yourself.

It is difficult for me to understand how you can think a person need not believe in the deity of Jesus Christ and still receive salvation, but at the same time insist one must believe 'once saved always saved' or face certain hellfire.

Nowhere does the Bible say one must believe 'once saved always saved' to attain salvation, but only that a person must believe in Jesus Christ.

It is true that salvation is eternal and secure, however confessing this theological truth is not added to the biblical requirement for salvation. Therefore, one may believe in Jesus Christ but not have a full understanding of the gift of eternal life, but nonetheless still be saved.

—JP, email

Editor's note: I appreciate your irenic tone. I realize this is a very hard issue for many. It is certainly controversial in Free Grace circles.

Yes, I believe that. The reason I do is because we have Biblical examples, the apostles for example, of people who believed in Jesus for eternal life yet who did not at that time believe in His deity. But we have no Biblical examples of anyone who is said to believe in Jesus who did not believe that he had everlasting life as a result. Indeed Paul specifically says that we believe in Him "for everlasting life" (1 Tim 1:16). The Lord Jesus repeatedly stressed everlasting life as what the one who believes in Him has (e.g., John 3:16-18; 4:10-14; 5:24; 6:35-47; 11:25-27). BTW, I've never said that confessing this truth is a condition of eternal life. Believing it is.

Please keep on praying and searching the Scriptures (Acts 17:11) about this issue. God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him (Heb 11:6).

September Financial Report

September Budget	\$26,432	YTD* Budget	\$79,296
September Revenue	\$31,596	YTD* Revenue	\$55,741 <-\$23,555>

* Our fiscal year ends on June 30th.

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