

# Notes & Letters

## Thanks for Enhanced Understanding

I would like to thank GES and Prof. Zane Hodges for your teachings, books, tapes, etc. They have enhanced my understanding of difficult Scriptures that I otherwise could not explain. I thank God for educated men like yourselves who are "telling it straight." Please send me information about the upcoming conference.

P.K. - Addison, TX

## Glad I Found This!

I'm glad I found this online. My wife asked me about it because of a question raised in relationship to a women's Bible study she leads. It has been a while since I "argued" this verse and after doing my own research and telling her my thoughts, I went online and simply typed "Acts 13:48" into Google. Your article came up on the first page near the bottom. I'm glad to have seen it. Take care and keep up the good work.

C.L. - San Antonio, TX

## Blessings from New Zealand

Recently Bob Wilkin spoke at a conference I attended while he was here in New Zealand—the Arrow Conference in Auckland. I loved what he had to say and it really resonated with me. Blessings!

T.D. - New Zealand



Bob discussing Lordship Salvation with some of the conferees at the Pastor's Conference in Alberton, Montana

## Canada Loves Our Audio

I really enjoy your audio messages. I used to be a proponent of Lordship Salvation (Wesleyan theology), but I always wondered how much works I had to do to keep saved, or in the Reformed Lordship view, to prove myself saved. It's interesting that when you have assurance of salvation, you're actually more open to bearing fruit, because you're not emotionally

drained with introspection and anxiety. Thanks for your excellent defense of justification by faith alone.

S.C. - Canada

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## Northwest Evangelical Free Pastors Conference Alberton, Montana October 28-30

Fresh back from ministry in New Zealand and Australia, I was thrilled not to be overly fatigued from jet lag. Alberton (MT) Community Church and its pastor, Phil Taylen, sponsored this wonderful retreat for pastors and church leaders from Montana, Idaho, and Washington.

Clarity in evangelism was my topic for the five messages I gave on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. With the notable exception of one pastor who holds to Lordship Salvation, the pastors and leaders present were in strong agreement with my suggestion that all who simply believe in Jesus have everlasting life.

For nearly two hours on Saturday, a group of about eight of us discussed the issue of Lordship Salvation. It was a lively and profitable discussion.

I stayed an extra day and was able to visit the Bison Range north of Missoula and an outdoor natural hot springs west of Lolo.

Phil and his wife Lynn are wonderful friends to me and the Free Grace message. I am very thankful for both of them and their ministry. 




Arlington Community Church before Bob spoke on Jude

## Arlington (TX) Community Church

### November 6

Arlington Community Church was doing a series on the New Testament 'postcards,' Second John, Third John, Jude and Philemon. I was asked by Pastor Mark Carr to teach Jude.

Never having preached on Jude, I found my preparation challenging, but also enjoyable. Jude is an extremely practical book. With the prevalence of false teaching today on Christian radio, TV, and in schools and churches, Jude's warning about the dangers of false teaching are much needed.

Since God is able to keep us from falling, no believer who falls will be able to blame God. When we appear at the Judgment Seat of Christ, we will only be presented faultless and we will only experience exceeding joy if we have our minds renewed by the Word of God. Those whose minds are corrupted by false teachers will experience shame at the Bema (1 John 2:28). 



Ministry leaders at the NW Evangelical Free Church Pastor's Conference

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## Financial Report

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| Nov Budget  | \$29,212             |
| Nov Revenue | \$27,332 (-\$1,880)  |
| YTD Budget* | \$146,060            |
| YTD Revenue | \$148,376 (+\$2,316) |

\*Our Fiscal Year is July 1-June 30



## Highlights

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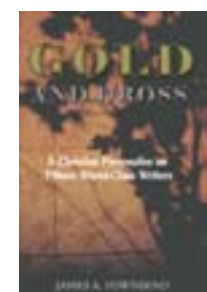
December 2005



Bob's ETS session: "Why Is Certainty So Objectionable among Evangelical Scholars?"



Pastor René Lopez, Dr. Gary Derickson (Corban College in Salem, OR) and Dr. John Hart (Moody Bible Institute)



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**Evangelical Theological Society**  
Valley Forge, PA

November 15-18

Nearly 2,000 Bible scholars from around the world gathered for this year's annual conference. My roommate for this year's conference was GES partner René Lopez, a good friend and a doctoral student at Dallas Seminary.

About 500 of those attending present what are called "parallel sessions." The conference devotes 20 forty-minute sessions in the three-days for members to present papers on key exegetical, theological, and philosophical topics. Thus, at any given session, there are about 25 different messages being delivered at the same time.

The issue of certainty is vital for both assurance and, in light of postmodernism, biblical authority. That is why I chose the topic: "Why Is Certainty So Objectionable among Evangelical Scholars?"

The attendance was good, with 30+ in my session, and the reaction was positive. My topic pulled in people who share my concern. Hence the audience had a high percentage of people concerned about need for certainty. Typically at this conference 20 or 30 leading Free Grace pastors and theologians attend and a number of them were in my session. Among them were Pastor René Lopez, Dr. John Hart, Dr. Gary Derickson, Church Administrator Jerry Patillo and his son David, and Pastor Phil Congdon.

Several of the messages which I heard were helpful and some of them might be ones that will appear in our journal in the future. **FG**

**Thanks So Much**

Lately we have been busier than a one-armed bandit. We released a new book by Dr. Jim Townsend on famous Christian authors (now available through our bookstore) and then we turned right around to release a new book on First John by Dr. David Anderson (Maximum Joy) We sent his book to the printer before the middle of November, and hope to have it ready to ship before Christmas.

Both of these are excellent books. Your support makes this possible. For a long time we've dreamed of being a place where Free Grace pastors and theologians could find a means of publishing their writings. Until now we've only published works by Zane Hodges and me. These books begin what we hope will be a trend. Lord willing, we will release a book or two per year by Free Grace writers. We risk "losing money" when we publish books, but because of your partnership, we can "do business until [Jesus] comes" as He commanded us (Luke 19:13). That is, we are able to take the finances which the Lord entrusts to us and invest them to His glory. **FG**

**Kerkhoven (MN) Evangelical Free Church, and Maranatha Bible Church of Willmar, MN**

November 18-19

A four-session conference on assurance took place at two churches about two hours from the twin cities. I flew from Philadelphia (and ETS) to the twin cities and pastor Eric Swanson picked me up and drove me two hours to where the conference was taking place.

All four sessions were well attended and the people were very open. I enjoyed meeting the two pastors, Tom Radtke and Dave Hannig. Tom's dad, Leonard Radtke, was a famous pastor in the Iron Range of Minnesota whose ministry gave birth to a number of Free Grace churches in Minnesota and the surrounding states. Many people were introduced to the grace message by Leonard Radtke, and Tom is carrying on that legacy. **FG**

**Zion Community Church**  
Wilmot, South Dakota

November 20-22

Pastor Eldon DeBoer came to the Saturday morning sessions in Willmar, MN and then drove me back to his town, Wilmot, SD.

Evangelism is a vital subject. For one day and three nights we considered how to share the gospel clearly. We had a good discussion of what it means to believe in Jesus.

I'd been in Wilmot eight years ago when Eldon was the pastor of another church in the city. It was great to be back. Eldon and Diane are wonderful friends and I made so many new friends from their church.

I will be coming out with an article on trust versus belief in light of some of the discussions we had in Wilmot.

Eldon and I enjoyed four-hours of fellowship as we talked theology on the drive from Wilmot to the twin cities airport. His willingness to drive 8 hours round trip to get me home was inspiring. **FG**

**Grace on the Go**

December

- 4 Victor Street Bible Church, Dallas, TX
- 5-7 Pre-Tribulation Study Group, Dallas, TX
- 25 Grace Church, Orange, CA

January-February (TBA)

Call Jenn to have Bob come speak at your church!  
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Friday night at Kerkhoven E-Free Church. Pastors Hannig and Radtke are center, rows 1 and 2



This is just some of the Radtke clan!



Zion Community Church before Bob spoke

