

Partners in Grace

November 2010



Upland Bible Church Las Vegas, NV, October 3

Pastor Dick Olson invited me again to speak at Upland Bible Church. I spoke on assurance and eternal security. This was a revision of various messages I'd given before, and it seemed to cover the subject well.

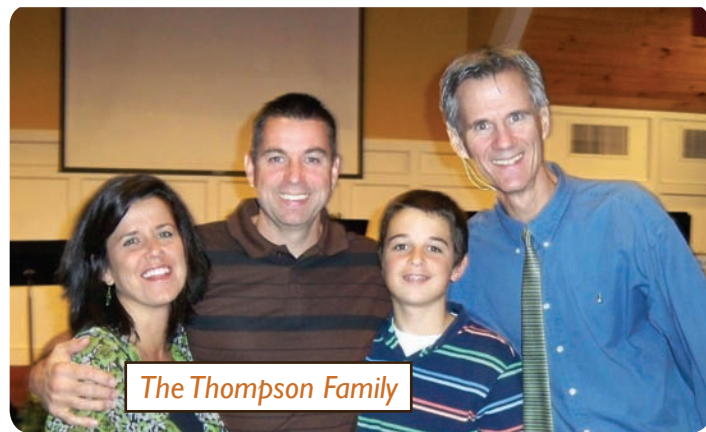
After church I drove over to St. George, UT to compete in the Huntsman World Senior Games. I competed in three racewalking events, and I won three medals. This time there were only two of us in men's 55-59, so I got my first silver medal. In two years I have 5 bronze medals and one silver.

I also tried to compete in the high jump (I barely cleared 4 feet 2 inches on my third try) and in the 800 meter run (3 min 42 sec). I was dead last in my age group in each event. But I won each event in terms of number of muscles I pulled or sprained.

(Community Bible Church, continued)

Since there are two worship services, I presented my message, "You Don't Need to Worry about Final Judgment," twice. Both times it was well received. During the Sunday School class between the two services I spoke on confusion about faith, and I fielded many excellent questions on faith as well as on everything I'd spoken on.

I enjoyed a nice lunch and conversation with Pastor Chuck Tschetter (pronounced Cheddar) and his wife Lydia.



When speaking in Omaha, I often stay with Dean and Pat Thompson, but since they were out of town, Dean Thompson, Jr. and his wife Kerrie and their son Dylan kindly welcomed me into their home (the other four of their five children are no longer at home). It was great fun visiting with Dean, Kerrie, and Dylan.



Community Bible Church Omaha, NE, October 8-10

I spoke Friday and Saturday at the CBC annual Bible Conference. My topic was the ten most misunderstood words in the Bible.

On Friday night I overviewed the ten words (as well as ten that almost made the list) and I also spoke on misunderstandings about grace (charis).

In two Saturday morning sessions I covered four topics: heaven and hell and saved and lost. This led to lots of super questions.

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Believer's Bible Church Omaha, NE, Oct 9

On Saturday night I moved over to another Free Grace church in Omaha, BBC. I continued my series on the ten most misunderstood words, speaking on faith and repentance. We had an excellent time of Q & A after each session.



Update on Zane's Romans Commentary

When Zane departed he was working on chapter 14 of his Romans commentary. Back in July I finished writing the commentary from 14:16 to the end of the book. For the past few months I have been editing Zane's commentary (catching typos and correcting the style in places) as well as adding explanatory footnotes where needed.

Dr. John Niemela finished the introduction around the end of September and this past month he has been working on adding scholarly footnotes, tying Zane's comments to the words of other modern commentators.

We hope to finish by the end of December. If so, it should be in print well before the conference (April 11-14).

Prayer Requests

Please pray for excellent early registrations for our national conference (by Dec 31) see below for details, for Kyle and I as we work to complete the Autumn Journal as well as three books by Zane Hodges, for GES's finances, for the health of the staff, board, and partners, and for the finances of GES partners in these financially-troubled times.



Vista Ridge Bible Fellowship Men's Retreat and Sunday Morning Church Service, Oct 15-17

I rode with Pastor Philippe Sterling (a friend since our days together at DTS, pictured 4th from the right below) a little over 2 hours to Sky Ranch camp in East Texas where we had a retreat. I spoke on heaven and hell, two of the subjects from my book on the ten most misunderstood words.

We had a great time of discussion. Seven of the 15 men present were born in other countries and spoke other languages including Philemon from Kenya, Thierry from Chad, Philip from India, Robin from France, Philippe from Haiti, and Josue (pronounced hoe-sway, which essentially is Spanish for Joshua) from Honduras.



On Sunday morning we left the camp in Van, TX and drove back to the church, which is in a Dallas suburb, Lewisville. I spoke on the title, "The Vital Distinction between the Two Judgments (2 Cor 5:9-10; Rev 20:11-15)." It was well received. This too is a chapter in my book (under the word judgment). Giving these messages has a side benefit of helping me polish the book.

Grace Conference 2011

April 11-14, 2011

The theme for this year's conference is "Proclaiming the Kingdom of God: The Message of the Book of Acts." The following main speakers are committed: Jody Dillow, Steve Lewis, John Niemela, Ken White, Dan Hauge, Bob Bryant, JB Bond, Rene Lopez, Paul Tanner, Ken Yates, and me. In addition, the workshops are nearly filled up.

You can find the entire conference schedule, including the workshop speakers, listed on our website.

Once again we will be meeting at the conference facilities of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. There are 55 excellent hotel rooms in the conference center and six inexpensive dorm rooms just 400 yards away. It would be a good idea to reserve your room now since they fill up fast.

October Financial Report

Oct Budget	\$27,940	YTD* Budget	\$111,760
Oct Revenue	\$16,870	<\$11,070>	YTD* Revenue \$123,510 \$11,750

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