

Notes & Letters

PARTNERS in Grace

A Pentecostal Finds Grace

This is a great article ["A Pentecostal Finds Grace," *GIF* (May-June 2003)] for my husband's and my study since his family believes you are saved by grace, but you can then lose that salvation. Thank you!

K.C. ~ Tomball, TX

Enjoyed Bob's ETS Paper

This is...the Korean guy you met at ETS who kept you after your paper on what one must precisely believe to be saved. I wanted to...express my appreciation for our extended interaction on the matters we discussed. Very stimulating to say the least, and I can assure you that I'll be taking some time to look at your website and continue to investigate and think about the viewpoints you presented...You certainly were adept at articulating your position and it left me with things to think about.

Second, I wanted to write to see if you could send me a copy of your paper. Thanks again and perhaps, Lord willing, we'll be able to meet and interact again sometime.

J.K., Student at Talbot Seminary
Southern California

Editor's Note: If any of you would like a copy of the paper, just let us know and we'll be happy to email or mail you a copy.

Professing to Know God

I especially appreciated this article ["Professing to Know God: Titus 1:13-16," *GIF* (Nov-Dec 2003)] because I had struggled with this passage for awhile. I strongly believe in Free Grace, but I had trouble explaining this one, even though I KNEW there was a right interpretation. The Bible NEVER contradicts itself. Thank you for this wonderful article. God Bless the author. I also can relate to his conclusion, since I went through a time of liberalism in my faith. I did exactly as he said: professed to be close to God while having some strange ideas! In the fundamentals, I still believed the truth, but had some wrong beliefs all mixed in.

Praise God for His faithfulness: He brought me through...I want to be diligent to stay close to God in His Word...God Bless you all.

D.W. ~ Concord, NC



Mike & Letitia Lii (and Payton) dropped by to wish Fran a happy birthday

ETS Annual Meeting Atlanta, Georgia November 18-21

What an interesting conference this was. I had many opportunities to make an impact for the grace gospel.

On Wednesday morning I presented a paper entitled, "What Precisely Must One Believe About Jesus in Order to Have Eternal Life?" The room was packed. Every chair was filled and another 15-20 were standing in the back. People were even crowding the doorway and I found out later that some left because they couldn't get in.

That night I was able to visit with a father and son. The father said he was 98% sure he had eternal life. Yet when I asked him how sure he was that Jesus is God, he said "I'm 100% sure." So I asked him if his name and social security number were listed in the Bible as a person who was eternally secure, would he be sure? "Of course," he said. "I'm an accountant and I like objective facts." I went on to explain that if belief in Jesus is objective, and it is, then we can be 100% sure based on Jesus' promise, "He who believes in Me has everlasting life" (John 6:47). He indicated he appreciated the conver-


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Bob's standing-room-only session at ETS

Waxahachie (TX) Bible Church November 30

Bruce Zimmerman has been the Senior Pastor of Waxahachie Bible Church, a suburb of Dallas (about an hour south) for many years. His wife, Sheila, recently led a women's Bible study through my second book, *The Road to Reward*. After the study concluded, there were a lot of questions the class wanted to ask me. So they invited me to come and field questions about the book from the women and their husbands. We had a great time. They sure asked great questions, both about rewards and about justification issues as well.

Hopefully at some time in the next year or two I'll be back to speak to the whole church. 

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Bob with Sheila & Bruce Zimmerman and one of their children



A WBC women's Bible study and some of their husbands



The Greeson family at Bayside




Bob visiting with the Tripps and the Kravitzes

Thanks So Much!

We don't have a good way of knowing how many people come to faith as a result of our ministry. But we suspect the number is substantial. There are close to 80,000 *You Can Be Sure* booklets which have been given to people to read and about half that many *There's a New Day Dawning* booklets. Our newsletters and journals not only reach the nearly 10,000 and 1,000 respectively who subscribe, but many others read them in libraries and on the internet. Furthermore, Bob speaks to tens of thousands of people each year.

Now our materials are being translated into Spanish. *¡Puedes Estar Seguro!* should be ready soon. In addition, René Lopez, a doctoral student at Dallas Seminary, is now preaching every week in Spanish and we anticipate putting some of his messages up on the internet in Real Audio soon.


Of course, our aim is not only evangelistic. We are also discipleship oriented. And these same ministries are helping many grow in their faith.

Thank you. Your prayers and financial support make this possible. Sometimes we pinch ourselves when we think about the great privilege we have to take the message of God's grace to people around the world. It is truly awesome. 

Bayside Community Tampa, Florida

November 15-16

GES Partners George and Tina Tripp invited me out to eat on Saturday night. I enjoyed a nice meal with them and friends of theirs, an Independent Baptist Pastor and his wife, David and Pam Kravitz, who are also very committed to the Grace message. Possibly I'll be able to speak at the Kravitz' church sometime.


The blessings and cursings motif found in Leviticus 26 was the subject of my message in the first hour. During the main worship service I spoke from First Chronicles 13 on doing God's work God's way. David didn't consult God's word and so when he went to move the ark of the covenant, he did so in the wrong way. When Uzza reached out to keep the ark from falling, God struck him dead. Why? Because David, though well intentioned, disobeyed God even while trying to do right (see 1 Chron 15:2, 13). It was fun to be back at Bayside with all the great people. 

ETS Meeting

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sation and would give it more thought. Dr. Fred Chay, a GESer who teaches at Phoenix Seminary, was also at the table as we spoke and he too encouraged the man and his son to take Jesus at His word.


On Wednesday night we had a special meeting in which we voted on whether to expel two current members from the society who hold to Open Theism. All members are required to hold to the inerrancy of Scripture and to the Trinity. A new theology known as Open Theism argues that God doesn't know the future and thus prophecies are not certain to be fulfilled, but are predictions which may or may not come true depending on how free-will people decide to act. For most of us in ETS, that is a denial of God's omniscience as well as inerrancy. The vote confirmed this. Sixty-two percent of the members, myself included, voted to exclude Dr. John Sanders. (Only 32%, myself included, also voted to exclude Dr. Clark Pinnock.) But, since it took a two-thirds vote to expel, both are still in ETS. I considered resigning; however, after consulting with a trusted friend, I decided it makes more sense to stay. The Lord is giving me good opportunities to share the grace message at ETS. Since it is a narrowly defined society, I am surely in no way endorsing or condoning Open Theism by remaining.

I heard quite a few interesting papers while there. I also enjoyed visiting with many GESers including Fred Lybrand, Tyler Beard, Jim Congdon, Hal Haller, Gary Derickson, J.B. Hixson, Harry Leafe, Fred Chay, and Glenn Riddle. 

Linwood Baptist Church Moscow, Arkansas

November 30

Marguerite, then Beard, was the Maid of Honor at Mour wedding 27 years ago. Two years later she married Bill Knott. Bill is in the insurance business. A year ago he was invited to pastor a small rural church in Arkansas.

Sharon and I visited Bill and Marguerite Knott in Pine Bluff over Thanksgiving. I was privileged to speak at LBC on the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Our thanks to Bill and Marguerite for their hospitality and for the opportunity to speak at their church. 

Grace on the Go

Dec 8-10	Pre-Trib Study Group, Dallas, TX
Jan 11-14	Emmanuel Bible Ch, Starkville, MS
20	GES Winter Board Meeting
24-25	Cypress Valley Bible, Marshall, TX



Bob with Garry Friesen, Jim Congdon, and Twoya Zaretsky at ETS



Sharon with the Beards and the Knotts



Sunday morning at Linwood Baptist Church