

# December 2010

## Partners in Grace

### Victor Street Bible Chapel

Dallas, Texas  
November 14

Our march through Genesis took us to Genesis 16 and Abraham and Sarah's misguided attempt to fulfill God's promise by means of Sarah's Egyptian servant, Hagar.



### Evangelical Theological Society

(ETS) Annual Meeting

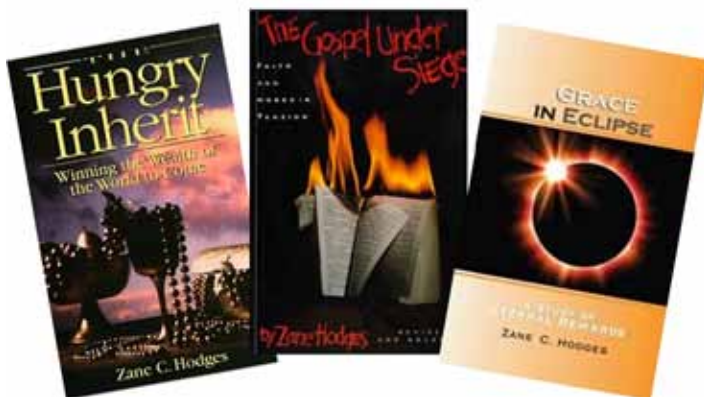
Atlanta, GA November 16-19

ETS is a group of conservative Bible scholars from around the US and Canada. We unite around the truth of the inerrancy of Scripture. There were over 2,600 present this year, made up mainly of seminary and Bible college professors.



### Prayer Requests

Praise: for our good finances through November, for good health, for getting caught up on the Journal, for good GES staff. Prayer: for excellent December giving, for the health of the GES staff and their families, for the annual conference speakers and registrations, for the Hodges trilogy to be in print by the conference, for excellent articles for our journal and newsletter, and for the spread of the Free Grace message worldwide.



### Hodges Trilogy Update

Kyle and Holly have been working hard getting The Hungry Inherit and The Gospel under Siege into electronic format. It has taken scores of hours after they were scanned in to clean up the text. But now those are just about finished and Kyle plans to typeset this new trilogy in December. We plan to publish Zane's first three books together as one great resource, with both Scripture and Subject Indexes too. Our aim is to have this printed and available for sale at our April 11-14 conference in Fort Worth.

I've been attending and presenting papers since 1989. Never before had I presented two. This year I was selected to present two messages. My first presentation was on the error of so-called final justification by works. There is no justification by works before God, ever. Amazingly, with a conference theme of justification by faith, most of the presentations argued for initial justification by faith alone and final justification by works! Most of the presenters weren't even qualifying their statements with something like, "Of course, final justification by works is a formality since all who are justified by faith alone are guaranteed to be justified by works." No. The speakers, including Calvinists, suggested that initial justification by faith did not guarantee final justification by works. Needless to say, this was very discouraging.

My second paper was on the Biblical concept of perishing. I showed it primarily deals with death and loss, and only rarely refers to eternal condemnation. (This will be one of the chapters in my new book on the ten most misunderstood words in the Bible.)



I roomed with Dr. Steve Lewis of Rocky Mountain Bible College & Seminary and visited with lots of Free Grace people including Charlie Bing, Fred Chay, John Niemelä, Neil Anderson, Hal Haller, Gary Derickson, Doug Brock, Glen Riddle, Elliott Johnson, Nathan Holstein, and others.

## Wilke 40th Anniversary Service McKinney, TX November 20

Warren Wilke led me to faith in Christ in September of 1972 by stressing the message of Eph 2:8-9. At that time he and Kris had been married for just under 2 years. A little more than 38 years later, they asked me to speak at their 40th. Warren's spiritual mentor, Jimmy Williams, was able to attend, making it a very special time. It was great to celebrate a marriage that has lasted for four decades, decades which have been very unkind to marriages.

The service took place in a beautiful chapel, Bella Donna, that Warren designed (he is an architect). Then we had a reception afterwards at a beautiful home a few hundred yards from the chapel. Warren designed that house as well.



The Wilke Family

# Thank you!

I'm now 58. When I was in my thirties I thought 58 was old. I remember teaching a Bible study in 1987-88 when we first moved back from Oregon, during the first years of GES. It was called the Top of the Hill Bible Study. Everyone in the study was between 55 and 75. I was in my mid 30s then. Now I qualify for that group. In the 23 years since then, we've had the finances needed to have a significant impact for Christ around the world as we've shared the Free Grace message. There have been many challenges. But you, our Partners in Ministry, have stood with us. Thanks so much.

### Special December Gifts Would Help

Like most ministries, we typically take in 25% or more of our annual giving in the month of December. Typically we fall significantly short of our budget for January through June, the second half of our fiscal year. Thus our aim is to come out of December with a \$50,000 or greater surplus that will cover shortfalls in the second half.

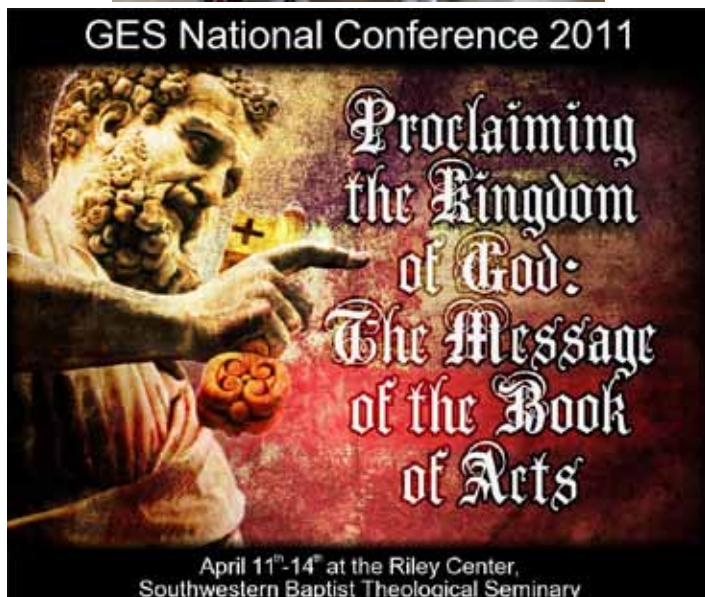
We appreciate your generous support and your prayers and encouragement. Thank you for your partnership in what we are doing.

### 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: Earl Radmacher, Jody Dillow, Steve Lewis, John Niemela, Ken White, Dan Hauge, Bob Bryant, JB Bond, Rene Lopez, Paul Tanner, Ken Yates, and me. The entire conference schedule, including the workshop speakers, is posted 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. All reservations must be made through Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.



### November Financial Report

Nov Budget	\$27,940	YTD* Budget	\$139,700
Nov Revenue	\$19,467	<\$8,473>	YTD* Revenue \$144,898 \$5,198

\*Our fiscal year runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>

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