

Partners in Grace

April 2012

Jansen Bible Church

Jansen, NE Mar 16-18

For the Jansen Bible Conference I covered 1-2 Thessalonians in just four messages. It was a challenge to condense a dozen messages into four. I covered the first three chapters of 1 Thessalonians Friday night. Saturday night I spoke on 1 Thessalonians 4-5. In Sunday school I explained 2 Thessalonians 1-2. The sermon dealt with 2 Thessalonians 3 and especially Paul's admonition that if a believer was unwilling (but able) to work, then let him not eat. Paul told the Thessalonians not to financially support believers in their church who were "disorderly."

Everyone at Jansen Bible Church makes me feel right at home.



Above:
Jansen Bible
Church
attendees



Left:
Bob with
Pastor Paul
Carpenter

Seventeenth Annual GES Conference: Eschatology and Free Grace

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary,
Fort Worth, TX April 23-26

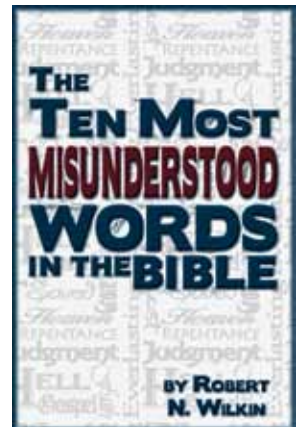
The conference theme this year is Eschatology and Free Grace. There is a lot of interest in this topic.

We have a great line up of speakers including Drs. Stan Toussaint, Jody Dillow, John Niemelä, Rene Lopez, and Steve Lewis. Dr. Toussaint was one of my favorite professors at DTS, and he was a favorite of many of the DTS grads who attend our conference. He will be speaking on the fact that the kingdom is not here yet.

Check out the schedule online. If you are not registered, there is still time. We'd love to see you there.

Ten Words Book Sent to the Printer March 27th

We missed our goal of having the ten words book to the printer to make sure we will have it at the conference. However, we got it there before the end of March, so it is remotely possibly we could have it back by at least the end of the conference. In any case, it is a thrill to have it done. Many thanks to Pam Esteven, Bob Kenagy, Ken Yates, Walt Millet, Grant Hawley, Kyle Kaumeyer, and Holly Melton for all of the hard work they put in editing and proofing the manuscript. In Holly's case she also typeset the whole thing and designed the cover too.



This book is far different than anything I've ever done, and I think it is unique. I don't know of any book, Free Grace or otherwise, that discusses the meanings of key words of scripture. Hopefully this book will reach lots of people.

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Spotlight on Your Support

We had a decent March, but our budget deficit grew a bit larger. With three months to go, it will be a challenge to end the year above budget. However, we've been holding spending down as much as possible. Since we have reserves, no one is missing paychecks and we don't have to postpone any printing in order to raise more money. Thank you for your partnership in this ministry.



Victor Street Bible Chapel

Dallas, TX March 11

I covered Genesis 34: Dinah's brothers killed the Canaanites. Though Simeon and Levi used deception and possibly killed many more than were warranted by the offense Shechem committed against their sister, they are examples of how Israel should have dealt with the Canaanites. Israel was not to intermarry with the pagans in the Promised Land. The nation was to destroy the Canaanites.

Jacob is not pictured in a good light in this account. He is rather passive and allows his son to take charge. Then when Simeon and Levi kill the Canaanites, his concern is not that they displeased God, but that they displeased the people of the land. He feared the destruction of his family, yet God had already promised that would not happen.

In the Lord's Supper meeting I taught on 1 Thess 4:13-18.



Evangelical Theological Society Regional Meeting

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary,
Fort Worth, TX March 9

What is at stake in the perseverance issue? If a believer fails to persevere, what does he lose? If he does persevere, what does he gain? I showed that the issue is not where we spend eternity, but the degree to which we will be able to serve Christ. All believers spend eternity with the Lord. Only persevering believers will rule with Christ.

The conference location is the same as our conference location April 23-26. It was good to be there again.

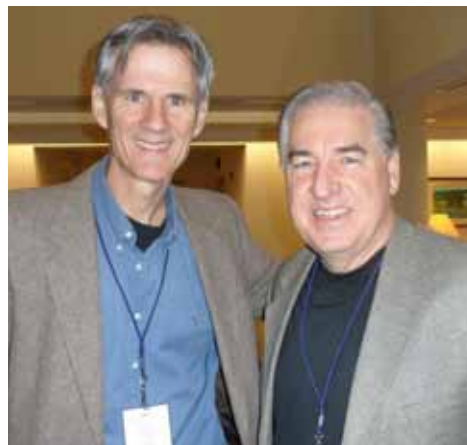
I met a Korean SWBTS student, Yoonhee Oh, who is coming our conference as well. He also introduced me to another Korean student, Eddie, who also will be coming.

God sovereignly arranged it so that of the five people in my workshop, one of them was a graduate of my small college in Southern California, Univ. of Calif. at Irvine. The young man is working on his Ph.D. at SWBTS and is writing about sanctification and perseverance. It was great to be able to visit with



him some after the session.

I was able to spend some time at the conference with Dr. Paul Tanner, who wrote our commentary on Hebrews. It was great to see him.



March Financial Report

March Budget	\$31,147	YTD* Budget	\$280,323
March Revenue	\$29,754	YTD* Revenue	\$227,276
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