



Shawn holding a copy of Sam Harris' book

He did not exactly say that a person could lose everlasting life, but that is clearly what he meant. It has become common in Evangelical circles to teach that "initial salvation" is by faith and "final salvation" is by works.



Sunday morning at Hill Country Bible

Regional Evangelical Theological Society Dallas Theological Seminary March 1-2

Shawn and I both spoke at this conference. He spoke on the bankrupt moral theory of an atheist named Sam Harris. I spoke on the fact that evil in no way disproves the existence of God. Both of us had less than 10 in our audience. Yet we did have an impact.

One man in my session, Dr. Peter Tie (photo, far left), had presented a paper I listened to the previous day. He flew in all the way from Melbourne, Australia!



Bob with ETS attendees

He flew in on Thursday and left on Sunday. I gave him copies of my books *Secure and Sure* (on assurance) and *The Ten Most Misunderstood Words in the Bible*. He was pleased to get them.

I also heard a talk in the conference from a fellow DTS grad. He argued for "conditional security", namely, that everlasting last is received by faith alone, but it must be kept by perseverance in faith and good works.

Hill Country Bible Church Georgetown, TX March 8-10

Sharon and I drove down (4.0 hours) on Friday. I spoke from 8:30 to 11:30 on Saturday morning on assurance of everlasting life. It was a great time. Then about 15 of us went out to lunch and I fielded theological questions for an hour or so.

On Sunday I spoke at both morning services on *You Can Be Sure* from John 11:25-27, one of my favorite passages.

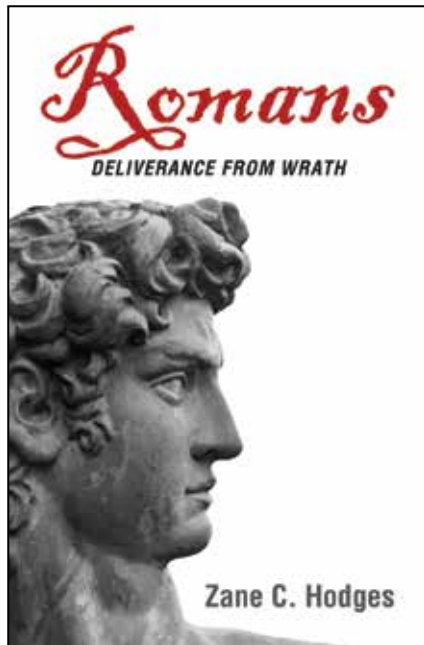
My thanks to Pastor Brian Threlkeld and his wife Wendi for their warm hospitality. Also special thanks to Chuck Abbott who worked the book table on both Saturday and Sunday and really kept everything organized, which is a big blessing to me when I travel.



Saturday seminar at Hill Country Bible

Zane's Commentary on Romans Sent to the Printer March 14

We missed lots of deadlines. But we did get *Romans* to the printer early enough that it likely will be at the April 22-25 annual conference at SWBTS in Fort Worth. It is an outstanding commentary. We hope you will find it worth the wait. *Romans* is especially ideal for Bible study groups. We will have a special Conference price, plus discounts for bulk orders of 10 or more.



18th Annual GES Conference SWBTS, Fort Worth, TX April 22-25

The conference theme this year is **Sanctification and Free Grace**. Of course, sanctification is a key issue for everyone, especially Free Grace people who are grateful for the free gift of everlasting life that can only be ours because the Lord Jesus removed the sin barrier at Calvary.

We have a great line up of speakers including Drs.

Tony Evans, Jody Dillow, John Niemelä, Steve Lewis, and me.

Check out the schedule online. If you are not registered, there is still time. We'd love to see you there. Please pray we have good attendance, and for the health of conferees and speakers.

Holly Melton Took a Full-Time Job

Holly has been with us for four years in February. Her work here has been part time since that was our need. Well, she found a job through a friend at her church where she will be full time, make more money, and have benefits (which we do not provide for any of our employees, myself included). So we are happy for Holly, but we will miss her a lot.

PL in Loveland, CO, writes: "Thanks GES! You're a blessing to me."

Spotlight on your Support!

We had a decent March, but our budget deficit grew a bit larger. With three months to go, it is likely we will end the year well below budget and well below spending.

At the end of our last fiscal year (that is, in May and June of 2012), our reserves grew significantly, though we were not seeking for them to grow. We have already drawn on some of those reserves, so we are fine financially. No one is missing paychecks and we don't have to postpone printing in order to raise more money.

Thank you for your partnership in this ministry.

MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT

March Budget	\$35,413	
March Revenue	\$30,852	<\$4561>
YTD Budget	\$318,713	
YTD Revenue	\$239,850	<\$78,863>

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