

# PARTNERS IN GRACE

## JANUARY 2011



### Arch Rutherford's Visit December 5-7

I did not go to the Pre-Trib conference this year. But Arch Rutherford did, and he stayed with Sharon and me. Arch and I visited several times about GES and our upcoming conference. We decided that Arch would make a 30 minute presentation at the conference about short term teaching mission trips. Arch spends about 3 months a year in India and Burma teaching local pastors. He could have a Free Grace pastor or educator with him each of the 12 weeks he teaches, since he teaches 6 to 7 hours each day.



### Berean Memorial Church Irving, TX December 5

Pastor Leon Adkins asked me to preach on the nature of saving faith. I gave a revised version of a message I'd given before and the people of Berean Memorial were very receptive, and patient. I say patient because I preached for over 50 minutes! Normally I try for 40 to 45. Some churches ask me to limit myself to 30 or 35 minutes, and I do. But this time Leon gave me a lot of grace on the time so I went a bit long.

### Victor Street Bible Chapel Dallas, TX December 12



Genesis 17 concerns God's clarification of his promise to Abram. There God (the preincarnate Lord Jesus) made it clear to Abram that Ishmael would not be the heir in the line of Messiah, but a son born to him and Sarai would. He changed Abram's name to Abraham and Abraham promptly laughed and thought that what the Lord said was impossible. However, the Lord convinced him and then, under command from the Lord, that very day he circumcised Ishmael and all the males in his household. He himself even submitted to circumcision that day—at age 99.



In December we have worked hard on both Zane's commentary on Romans and his trilogy (*The Hungry Inherit*, *The Gospel Under Siege*, *Grace in Eclipse*). We need to have these to the printer by the end of January so that we can then get the March-April newsletter and Spring Journal done on time. It looks iffy that we will have both ready to go by the end of this month, and if so, we will have them both at this year's conference. It is still possible, but we really need to accomplish a lot in January.

My new book, *The Ten Most Misunderstood Words in the Bible*, is on hold since these two Hodges publications were higher priority. Another reason is that I realize it might be better to come out with a book on hell, one of the ten words, before we release this book. After the conference I should be able to focus on both books and hopefully have one of them to the printer by the end of the summer.

## Prayer Requests

Please thank the Lord for a wonderful December (thus far) in terms of gifts received, for the health of our staff and their families. Please pray for our finances during the second half of our fiscal year (January-June), for the continued health of the GES staff and their families, for the speakers as they prepare their messages for the annual conference, for the Romans Commentary to be in print before the conference, for excellent articles for our journal and newsletter, for the healing of the Free Grace community, and for the spread of the Free Grace message worldwide.

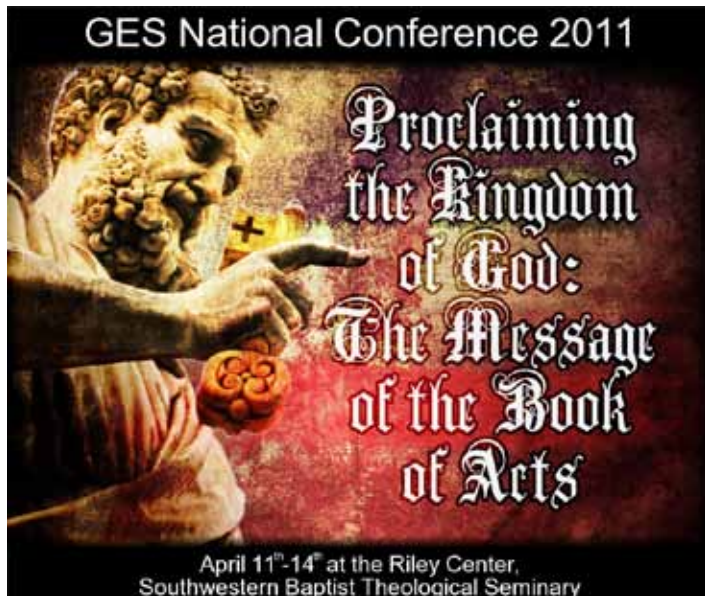
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## Grace Conference 2011 SWBTS, Fort Worth, TX April 11-14, 2011

This is shaping up to be a great conference. Plenary speakers include Drs. Earl Radmacher, Jody Dillow, Steve Lewis, Paul Tanner, John Niemelä, Ken Yates, J. B. Bond, Bob Bryant, and Dan Hauge.

The cost is just \$85 for 3.5 days of super teaching and fellowship. For the entire schedule and more conference info, click on "Conference" on our website home page ([www.faithalone.org](http://www.faithalone.org)).



## Notes and Letters

### Deliverance from Lordship Salvation Depression

I just wanted to say thank you for your work on Grace Evangelical Society. My background is such that I originally came to know of Christ at a young age; from my mother and from the church of my youth, that taught faith-alone salvation. Later I switched churches when I was in high school; which taught what I now know as lordship-salvation. While I was in college I had gone to a few churches, but never on a weekly basis.

After I graduated and went to graduate school I fell into a deep depression. I felt that I was unworthy of Christ. That whatever I did; I didn't go far enough to be saved. I didn't have enough faith in Christ to have eternal life. For these past few months I have been seeking the truth in God's Word and different authors interpretations of it. Most lowered me to a sense of helplessness; that I could never be saved. But, after finding your site and reading it my heart is finally at peace. I now no longer believe in lordship salvation. I serve Christ out of love, rather than fear of losing or never having had eternal life.

I wanted to send you this message, because of how this touched my life. Thank you again your message has truly been a blessing in my life.

—B, email

Note: I emailed him back and encouraged him. His journey is much like mine was when I was in high school and my first few years in college. His email really encouraged me. This is why we do what we do.

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Just wanted to let y'all know that I've been highly blessed over the past few months by your ministry. Be encouraged! God is using you! Press on. God bless you.

—M.M., facebook

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Thank you, Bob, for loving the truth so much that you continually teach it. I can't tell you how much that means to me and my husband!

—D.B., blog comment

## December Financial Report

Dec Budget	\$27,940	YTD* Budget	\$167,640
Dec Revenue	\$37,022**	\$9,082**	YTD* Revenue \$181,920** \$14,280**

We are very thankful for your gifts.

*\*Our fiscal year runs from July 1st through June 30th*

*\*\*These figures are not final. Since press time (December 28th) is a week or more before we will receive our last gift postmarked in December 2010, this figure is not final. In keeping with IRS regulations, we count all gifts postmarked on or before December 31st, even if we don't receive the gift until January.*

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