

Partners in Grace



Resurgence Church

Evansville, IN, May 20-22

I'd never been to Evansville before. It was a pleasure to be there. Pastor Jeremy Edmonson asked me to give a six session seminar on the key aspects of the Free Grace message. So I spoke on faith, assurance, Lordship Salvation, repentance, eternal rewards, and tough texts. It was very well received.

This is a young church in many ways. The people are mostly in their twenties and thirties. And this was their first weekend in their first church building. I was energized to be around all these young men and



women who love the Lord and His Word.

Some of the men of this church go to the local youth correctional facility on Sunday to speak.

I was privileged to speak to about 25 young men from the ages of 13 to 18. I spoke on John 5, with special emphasis on John 5:24. These men use the Living Water Gospel of John booklets each week. It made it very easy for the young men to follow along. And they kept them so they hopefully they will keep on reading in John's Gospel as I encouraged them to do.

I flew home on my 59th birthday. It is strange how time flies. I was a lad just a few years ago. Now I'm closing my sixth decade. I thank God for the health He continues to give me.



Mini-Conference on Repentance

San Antonio, TX, May 13-14



Sharon and I flew down to San Antonio for the weekend. I gave six messages on repentance at the home of Frank and Susie Mahan. There were between 12 and 18 present during the sessions. These are all people who are part of their home Bible study.

I tried something different in the way I dealt with the topic of repentance, and it turned out to be clearer than anything I'd done before. Repentance is God's medicine for the wayward to escape ongoing pain and suffering as well as to extend their lives.

Communion Chapel

San Antonio, TX, May 15



I spoke on one of my favorite passages, 2 Cor 5:1-11. The message was very well received. We groan as our bodies age and decay and move us toward death. We look forward to our glorified bodies we are soon to receive when the Lord returns. The Bema, the Judgment Seat of Christ, is set in this context. We will be judged based on what we did, good or bad, in these fallen bodies. Oh that we would have His approval and hear Him say, "Well done, good servant."

Grace on the Go

June 12 Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas, TX
 June 19 Garland (TX) Bible Chapel
 July 10 Grace Bible Chapel, Corinth, TX
 Aug 20 GES Summer Board Meeting, Denton, TX

Prayer Requests

Please pray for Donna Benedict who suffered serious injuries (esp. back) when a tornado blew a tree into their bedroom; for Roy Estevan who injured his back in a car accident; for Pam Estevan who is experiencing difficulties from hand surgery; for Pastor Don LeMaster (NYC) who is undergoing another surgery for a cancerous tumor on May 31; for the health of all our Partners as well as their finances; for the health of our staff and their families; and for the completion of the Hodges trilogy by late June.

Spotlight on Your Support

While our economy sputters along, our support has continued to be above budget our entire fiscal year. May was the 11th month of our fiscal year. With another month well below budget, we now are barely above budget for the year with one month to go. We are still doing very well.

Thanks so much for your generous and sacrificial giving. It really makes a difference.

Victor Street Bible Chapel

Dallas, TX, May 8

Genesis 22 is one of the most famous chapters in the Bible. It tells of God testing Abraham, asking him to offer up his only son, Isaac, the son of promise. Abraham obeys to the point where he is just about to kill his son, who was probably around 16 years old at the time.



We are to believe God when He makes promises to us. Of course this is true of the promise of everlasting life to all who simply believe in the Lord Jesus. But it is also true of every promise God makes to us. We are to walk by faith, not by sight (2 Cor 5:7).

Update on the Hodges Trilogy

The *Free Grace Primer* is nearing completion. I know I've said this before. But this time, I really mean it. Hah. We kept finding more errors that we introduced by the scanning as well as inconsistencies between the formatting of the three books. We are now in the final stages of proofing. Then we will be able to make the subject and Scripture indexes. We hope to have the book to the printer by June 30. If so, we should have it back and ready to ship by mid-August.

NOTES AND LETTERS

Hi Bob,

I just read your article in the May/June issue of *Grace in Focus*, one of the best I have ever read! Here are some of the highlights to me:

1. The lake of fire will be tolerable suffering for all, but more tolerable for some (e.g., Sodomites) than others (like those living in time of Christ in Capernaum).
2. Your examples of Jim and Judas, unbelievers who were given a lot of light about Jesus Christ and His message of everlasting life.
3. Your examples of Khan and "the woman at the well," believers who were given a little light about Jesus Christ and His message of everlasting life.
4. Why some come to faith in Jesus Christ and some do not is between the individual and God.

Thanks very much! I am sure a lot of people will appreciate this article. It is a good one to share with friends and family.

—Bill, via email

May Financial Report

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| May Budget | \$27,940 | YTD* Budget | \$307,340 |
| May Revenue | \$17,491 | <\$10,449> | YTD* Revenue \$310,882 \$3,542 |

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