



We had a great turnout at a great venue!

23rd Annual GES Conference May 21-24

What a conference! This was possibly our best conference in over a decade.

The location was new: The Hope Center in Plano, TX. Everyone enjoyed it very much. The facilities were great.

The attendance was up significantly. On Tuesday we were right around 200. For the most of the conference we had around 160-180. We aren't sure why attendance was up. Was Plano easier to get to? Did the regional conferences encourage people to attend the national? Was it because of the extra advertising we did? Was it all of the above?

The conferees were very enthusiastic and enjoyed the messages and fellowship very much.

Some of the plenary messages which stood out the most (all were excellent) were Bob Bryant on Genesis

15:6, "That Critical Split Second in Abraham's Life," Donnie Preslar who showed that "Continuous Faith Is Not Required for Everlasting Life," Ken Yates who explained what "Faith Without Works Is Dead" Means in the context of James 2:14-26, Steve Thurman, "Free Grace Is the First Fundamental in Discipleship," and Shawn Lazar, "Who You Are Tells You Who to Love."

The theme was the difference between evangelism and discipleship. That was an excellent topic to learn more about Free Grace Theology. If people were unclear on some key issues before attending, I think the conference will have given them much to consider.

Here are some of the comments from the conferees: "Great speakers & wonderful



Bob with Bill Fiess



Bob teaching to a full house



Shawn rocking suspenders

people." "Excellent." "This is the best GES Conference I've attended." "Positive, encouraging, refreshing, informative." "Great on discipleship." "The conference was great." "I can't thank you enough." "As a first time attendee: Time well spent getting to know God's Word better." "Awesome." "Great!" "Wonderful, excellent, thought-provoking." "Tremendously encouraging & inspiring." "Educational, uplifting, thought-provoking, affirming, occasionally frustrating." "Good teaching and fellowship." "The most relevant to my life." "Refreshing." "A wonderful experience, unparalleled, joy and delight to meet like-minded brothers and sisters."

The audio and video from the conference should be available in about a month. Our thanks to Don Reiher for all his hard work in filming, once again.

Next year we will meet at the Hope Center again. Dates: May 20-23. We are currently voting on the theme: either Ephesians verse-by-verse, or Systematic Theology.

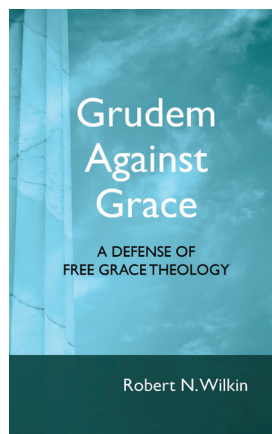
Response to Grudem

Bob released his book, *Grudem Against Grace: A Defense of Free Grace Theology*.

Several other books from Free Grace authors have come out in response to Wayne Grudem's criticisms. But none have been as direct a response as this one, and none give all the same answers that Bob gives to Grudem.

Bob responds to Grudem chapter by chapter and section by section.

You can buy it in the bookstore and on amazon.com!



Upcoming Regional Conferences

Upcoming regionals include Orlando, Denver, Northwest (Idaho?), Charlotte, and possibly the upstate New York area.

See the Events page of the website for more details.

New Books

This summer, Shawn has ambitious plans on finishing several new books.

First, Ken Yates's commentary on Hebrews. This will be a substantial commentary, probably in the 200-300 page range.

Second, Zane Hodges's notes on Revelation.

Those will probably get done.

Then Shawn is working to finish a book on Hell, defending a somewhat different version of eternal conscious torment.

Meanwhile, Bob is working on his autobiography, planning a book on repentance, and doing a sequel to *The Ten Most Misunderstood Words*.

Other projects include publishing Zane's notes on 1-2 Timothy, Corinthians, and Hebrews.

You should have plenty of new books to purchase at Christmas.

3rd Quarter Financial Report

Budget thru March 31	\$321,753
Expenses thru Mar 31	\$341,388
Revenue thru Mar 31	\$371,020

