

Partners in Grace



Left: Screenshot of the Wilkin-Sungenis debate.
Below: Shawn Lazar.

Wilkin-Sungenis YouTube Debate, Standing for Truth

JUNE 9, 2022 // WINDSOR, ONTARIO, CANADA

Donny Budinsky, the head of Standing for Truth Ministries, invited me (Bob) to debate Catholic scholar Robert Sungenis on justification by faith alone. Sungenis is the author of a nearly 800-page book entitled *Not by Faith Alone*.

The debate was lively. There was plenty of cross-examination between Robert and me. You can watch it by typing in “Wilkin Sungenis debate YouTube” in your browser. In the first 24 hours after the debate, over 2,000 people worldwide had viewed it.

A few highlights: Sungenis admitted that he is convinced that anyone who believes in justification by faith alone, apart from works, is going to hell unless he repents of that heresy before he dies. He also said that one drink of Jesus’ living water will not forever quench one’s thirst for everlasting life, that we have to keep on drinking of the living water over and over again to keep our salvation (contra John 4:10-14; 6:35). In an oddly Calvinistic-sounding twist, he kept

stressing that while works are required to be and stay justified, they are works produced by God’s grace and our works do not obligate God to save us.

Shawn Lazar Leaving GES

Shawn has served GES faithfully for the past ten years. He is much loved for his love for the Lord and people and for his work on the podcasts, blogs, magazine, and conferences. He has been instrumental in us gaining a larger audience and producing high quality content.

Shawn’s views on three fundamental theological issues led the board and Shawn to agree he should resign, effective June 30th. He will receive a generous severance package to help him transition to a new ministry.

We would appreciate your prayers for Shawn and his family as he seeks a new ministry position, and for the GES staff and board as we make a number of changes necessitated by Shawn’s departure.

If any of you have questions or concerns, Bob will be glad to talk with you via phone or Zoom. Just email him at bob@faithalone.org.



Bob Wilkin and David Renfro laying down some smooth vocals.

June Podcast Guests

David Renfro and I (Bob) recorded nine podcasts on the seven letters of Revelation 2-3. Shawn and I recorded six shows with Steve Elkins on Lordship Salvation, the subject of his master's thesis at Dallas Theological Seminary back in the eighties. Lucas Kitchen and I (Bob) recorded a number of shows on a variety of topics.

Bayside Community Church

JUNE 12, 2022 // TAMPA, FL

I (Bob) spoke at Bayside Community Church on "The Truth Will Set You Free (John 8:30-32)" and "There's No Final Judgment for Believers (John 5:24)." Freedom from sin's bondage only comes in our experience if we are abiding in Jesus' teachings. And, as believers, we will never be judged to determine our eternal destiny. My thanks to Don Rice, Buzzy and Patsy Tippins, and Karen and Bob Carter for their kind hospitality.

Lunch with members of Bayside Community Church.



Ken and Kathryn's Ministry

On May 29, I (Ken) spoke on two passages in Acts often used to rob people of assurance at Bayside Community Church in Tampa, Florida.

In June, I taught a class on the Gospels through Zoom at the College of Biblical Studies in Houston, TX.

Kathryn and I are scheduled to go to Kenya July 29 for several weeks to conduct conferences for pastors and for their wives. I am also scheduled to speak in two separate churches in the capital city of Nairobi. Catherine and Jimmy, who are strong proponents of Free Grace theology, will be our hosts.



Catherine, Jimmy and students in front of the school.

After working through the situation with COVID, the pastor's conference in Costa Rica is scheduled for Oct 27-28. I will be speaking on Free Grace issues.

I am scheduled to teach a class on Revelation in South Korea through Zoom in June to the Word of Life Bible Institute in that country.

Kathryn and Bob have started a young adult Zoom class, beginning with covering Bob's book, *The Ten Most Misunderstood Words in the Bible*. Kathryn and I have also started back with our Zoom classes on Romans and Revelation.

The Spanish translators have finished translating Zane Hodges' book, *The Hungry Inherit* and have also done most of the work translating Bob's book, *Is Calvinism Biblical?* Thanks go out to all who make this possible.