



PARTNERS IN GRACE

DECEMBER 2022

Dallas Regional Conference

COPPELL, TX | NOVEMBER 18-19

Speakers included Ken Yates, Steve Elkins, Chip Brunott, Michael Hewett, and Bob Wilkin. Attendance was disappointing in terms of people present in person, with 25 Friday night and 30 on Saturday. But

there were an equal number watching live on YouTube. In addition, by press time all but one of the conference messages have over 100 views on YouTube, with the top three so far being viewed 201, 292, and 371 times. That expands greatly the outreach of our regional.

The theme was Guilt-Free Evangelism. That was meant to convey two

ideas: 1) the one sharing his faith should not do so out of guilt, and 2) the aim is not to produce guilt in the one being witnessed to. The messages were outstanding. Check them out on YouTube Grace Evangelical Society.



Attendees of the Dallas Regional Conference in Coppel



Bob Wilkin, David Renfro, and Ken Yates grooving to Habakkuk.

Bob and Ken Radio Shows

NOVEMBER 17-18, 2022

While Ken was in town for the regional conference, he and Bob recorded twenty-two radio shows. Mostly they answered questions sent in by listeners. But they also recorded 8 shows with David Renfro on Habakkuk. David is an OT expert and his insights were outstanding.

Ken and Bob also recorded a Christmas show and a show about Ken's new book, *Elisabeth*, which is about his daughter who went to be with the Lord two years ago at age 35.

Since we record a few months ahead, these shows will probably air in January, with the exception of the Christmas program.



The Dallas Regional Conference panel



Ken and Bob stand with Diane Boring and her Arkansas crew at the Dallas Regional

Ministry Updates from Ken & Kathryn

On November 1-2, I (Ken) spoke at the Seminary Biblica Bautista de Calle Blancos in Costa Rica. There were about 20 students with more attending online. The topic was the five points of Calvinism and how FG Theology responds to each point.

This was the first time these students were exposed to FG Theology. They asked great questions and asked if we could do another, even more in-depth, conference.

On October 30, I spoke at Iglesia Bautista Berea in Costa Rica. I spoke on the account of blind Bartimaeus. Alonso Angulo translated for me. There were about 150 in attendance. The people are new to FG theology and I emphasized that Bartimaeus is a great example of discipleship and there is a difference between discipleship and eternal salvation.

On November 20, I spoke at Ridge Point Fellowship in Dallas, TX. Bob Vacendak, a longtime friend of GES, is the pastor. I spoke on the requirements of discipleship from the Gospel of Mark. Prior to the service there was a great class on spiritual gifts in Sunday School and 1 Corinthians 12 led by Trent. After the service, we shared a Thanksgiving meal. Thanks to all at the church for the warm welcome.

Over the last month, I (Kathryn) have been teaching a six-week zoom study on the Gospel of Luke for a group called *Free Grace Women*. The class had several international ladies, including women from Kenya, Italy, Spain, and Singapore! I emphasized FG issues related to discipleship and rewards during this series and was able to share a clear gospel message each session.

GES is continuing a young adult Zoom class on Friday nights. Thus far we have had teachers, such as Philippe Sterling, John Niemelä, and myself, speak on a wide range of

FG issues. I will be continuing a series on testimonies through the rest of the year. If you know any young adults who might be interested, please reach out.



Ken speaking at Seminary Biblica Bautista de Calle Blancos in Costa Rica



Young adult Zoom class with John Niemelä



Congregation at Iglesia Bautista Berea (Berean Baptist Church) in Costa Rica

Berean Memorial Church

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I (Bob) continued my once-a-quarter series on Genesis at this FG church. I covered Genesis 16 and the need to wait upon the Lord. Abram and Sarai didn't do that when they tried to have the promised son via a surrogate (Hagar). Genesis 18 is where the Lord reconfirms His promise of a son *through Sarah* and where Abraham bargains with God for the people of Sodom. The lesson is that just ten righteous people in a city of about 10,000 would be enough to forestall its judgment and destruction. That's a Biblical principle. God does not destroy a city, a country, or the world, as in the flood, until its sins are filled up.

Message from a YouTube follower

"I was raised in a Calvinist church and left about 10 years ago, but I was very confused until coming across Bob's messages on YouTube!"

"I am still being de-calvinized and always look forward to your messages as a daily dose of encouragement. What a joy to know I have eternal security and I can now confidently share the good news of believing in Jesus for salvation with my daughter!"

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow." – Tony