



PARTNERS IN GRACE

DECEMBER 2023

Ken and Kathryn

On November 10-12, Ken and Kathryn participated in a regional conference at *Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana de Tallahassee*, a Hispanic church in Tallahassee, FL. We were blessed to have Loren Faul and Pastor Marino Martinez as conference speakers along with Ken.

The conference was on the distinction between eternal life as a free gift and eternal life as a reward. We discussed passages such as the rich young ruler, the woman at the well, and the warning passages in Hebrews. All the sessions were made available in Spanish and were well received. It was well attended, with over 120 people on Friday and Saturday. In addition, Ken had the opportunity to speak at their worship service on Saturday night.

This conference also was the first time we had Ken's book *Elisabeth: Christ's Medal of Honor Recipient* available in Spanish. We sold every copy we brought of it and of Zane Hodges's book *The Gospel Under Siege* in Spanish. It was an amazing weekend, with wonderful teaching and sweet fellowship. A special thank you to the Martinez family for hosting and partnering with us to put this regional conference together.

Ken and Kathryn continue to teach two to three international Zoom classes each week. And Ken has been teaching first-year Greek for the new GES Seminary.



Top: Attendees of the Tallahassee Regional Conference; Middle: Loren Faul, Oscar Coronado, Pastor Marino Martinez, and Ken Yates; Bottom: Ken and Pastor Marino speak at the conference

Berean Memorial Church

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I (Bob) have known Pastor Leon Adkins since 1982 at Dallas Theological Seminary. In the first hour, I discussed an amazing incident that happened *when Jacob was leaving the Promised Land* to find a bride. He saw the pre-incarnate Lord Jesus Christ in a dream. In this dream, he saw a ladder or stairway descending from heaven and angels moving on it

(Gen 28:10-22). In John 1:51, Jesus identified himself as that stairway. In the second hour, we considered what happened *when Jacob returned to the Land*. He wrestled with the Lord Jesus all night and received a blessing (Gen 32:22-33). We, too, must cling to Him our entire lives if we wish to be blessed.



Left: The congregation at Berean Memorial Church; Right: After the second Berean service, Bob visited with Pastor Leon, his wife Sheila, and Veneeta Thomas



Notes and Letters

The Logos Software class was a wonderful experience. It helped me learn the Logos software, which has enhanced my study of the Scripture in many ways. I use Logos every day now, for my personal studies and for my teaching at church, and my other classes at GES Seminary. —Jeff S., email

The soteriology class writing assignments and Zoom interactions helped me better understand salvation from an overall perspective (temporal and eternal). —Jeff R., email

With its basis in Free Grace Theology, the education I received in the GES soteriology class was unparalleled to any of my previous theological education. The class has helped me to unlearn some bad theology. —Dave W., email

I've always wanted to learn NT Greek, but it seemed daunting to learn on my own. GES Seminary has provided that opportunity—all while being taught by a prof who understands and teaches the free grace of God. —Jon V., email

GES Seminary

This semester was the first full semester for our new online seminary. Classes ended just before Thanksgiving. Student feedback was excellent. See comments under Notes and Letters.

The classes (along with the professor and number of students in each class) were as follows: Soteriology (Wilkin, 10), Introduction to Pastoral Ministry (Elkins, 6), Old Testament Survey 1 (Sterling, 7), Logos Bible Software for Exegesis (Fiess, 9), Theology Proper, Pneumatology, and Christology (Elkins, 9), and New Testament Greek 1 (Badger and Yates, 15).

Our spring classes include NT Survey (Sterling), OT Survey 2 (Sterling), Bibliology and Ecclesiology (Wilkin), Logos for Exegesis (Fiess), Greek 102 (Badger and Yates), and Tough Texts (Vacendak). See faithalone.org for registration information.

Your support makes it possible for us to offer these classes at no cost to the students as long as they maintain a 3.0 average.

The OT Survey 1 class has helped me to understand how the Messiah is pointed to and anticipated throughout the OT. The lectures and “Messianic Thread” sections of the readings have helped me to connect the dots on the OT’s teachings on the Messiah. —OT Survey 1 student

On Thanksgiving day, I racewalked a 5K (*Run with the Turkeys*) in Keller, TX. I placed third in Men’s 70-79 (37:55). There were six men in my age group. So I actually finished ahead of three Wheezer Geezers! —Bob