



PARTNERS IN GRACE

NOVEMBER 2023

Dallas Regional Conference

OCTOBER 20-21

We met at Philippe Sterling's Vista Ridge Bible Fellowship church in Lewisville. Our theme was vital Free Grace issues. You will be able to see the messages on our YouTube channel over the next few months.

Speakers included Philippe, Bob Bryant, Leon Adkins, John Brumett, Mike Lii, and Bob Wilkin. The messages were excellent and well-received.

Our attendance was low. We did not get the word out about this conference in the magazine. And we were slow to get the information on our Facebook page and website.



GES Dallas Regional Conference at Vista Ridge Bible Fellowship

However, the content was outstanding, and so was the fellowship. This was a great conference.

Ken and Kathryn's Ministries

On Oct 19, I (Ken) met with Dan and Ellie Strathman in Indianapolis, IN. Dan and Ellie are friends of GES, and they strive to introduce Free Grace solutions to the problems that first responders face. Over breakfast, we, including Ellie's mom, Anita, discussed Free Grace issues. Dan and Ellie are also looking at starting a Free Grace home church in their new area.

November 10-11 will find us (Ken and Kathryn) in Tallahassee, FL, for a GES regional conference on the differences between eternal life and rewards. For more information, please check out our events page on Faithalone.org. (We also have regionals planned for February in Columbus, GA, March in Boise, ID, April in Portland, OR, and May in Milan, Italy.)



Left: Ken with Dan & Ellie Strathman, their baby, Zoe, and Ellie's mom, Anita. Below: Bob after finishing his first race (you wouldn't want to see the photo of him after the second race).

Bob at the World Senior Games

ST. GEORGE, UT | OCTOBER 14-15

I competed in the 5,000-meter (5K) racewalk and powerwalk events. Each race is 3.1 miles. While I normally walk more than 6.2 miles each Saturday, the pace was much faster than my normal pace. I finished in just under forty minutes (for each 5K), winning two bronze medals. I enjoyed being able to compete.



Bob at Upland Bible Church

LAS VEGAS, NV | OCTOBER 15-16

On Saturday night, Pastor Rich and his wife Debbie, Deacon Al and his wife Sheri, and Tim and Daria Vanselow, my wonderful hosts, had a banquet at the Vanselow Casa (lobster, steak, Caesar salad, *hors*

d'oeuvres, giant crab legs, and an amazing birthday cake for Sheri). Sharon is doing much better but visited her friend, Marguerite, in Arkansas while I was in St. George and Las Vegas.

In the two services, I spoke on the importance of sound doctrine, even though it is divisive at times, and on the role of Scripture in our sanctification. Everyone was very receptive.



The Upland Bible Church (Las Vegas) congregation

YouTube Mini-Videos Increasing Impact

Bob's October 9 video had over 2,000 views in the first twenty-four hours and over 3,600 in the first week. Mike Lii gave it the provocative title: "Paul Washer's Gospel of Contradictions." Mike also did some great editing. Five clips from Washer had to be synched with clips from me.

If you read the comments, you will see many people who agree with Washer defending him. But that is good because they have been exposed to the truth from the video and from the many people who responded to their comments.

We are now approaching 9,000 subscribers. While we do not care about numbers per se, if we can maintain doctrinal integrity and reach more people, that is a good thing.

Prayer Requests

During rehab, Letitia tore her Achilles tendon again. She had to have surgery again to repair it. Please pray for her recovery.

Pressing issues now include getting ready for the Spring semester of classes for our online seminary, staying ahead with blogs, radio shows, short YouTube videos, magazine articles, and journal articles, and staying on top of our OT commentary project (which is massive).

This was my fourteenth time speaking at this church in the past fifteen years. Pastor Rich calls me Rapid Robert due to my racewalking competitions. But I'm not too rapid. I'm more like Receding Robert or Reduced-Speed Robert. The turtle is my hero.

These people encourage me!

Spring 2024 GES Online Seminary Courses

FEBRUARY 5 - MAY 4, 2024.

Courses and profs: NT Survey (Sterling), Old Testament Survey 2 (Sterling), Greek 102 (Badger and Yates), Ecclesiology & Bibliology (Wilkin), Soteriology (TBA, if 8+ students), and Using Logos Bible Software for Exegesis (Fiess, if 8+ students).

Applications are due January 22nd.

Cost: Free if students maintain a 3.0 or better GPA due to donor funding.

Each week each class requires: watching a one-hour video, reading about fifty pages, and participating in a one-hour Zoom class discussion. Five short papers (1-2 pages each) are due weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, & 10.

Go to www.GESSeminary.org for an application form and course details.

