



Lack of "Faith Alone" Leads to Lethargy

If you spend any time watching most of the televangelists, how can anyone come away with an accurate perception of the gospel? How can anyone who does not believe in faith alone tell someone else how to be saved? No wonder there is so much lethargy... not only among Christians, but also among the unsaved. If one is not saved by faith alone, then all other offers are confusing.

B.Y. ~ e-mail

From Cypress Valley Bible Church After Bob Spoke:

Great message of truth! Thank you. B.G.

Thanks for doing what you do! I have been listening to some of your sermons on [the] podcast on the way to school and God has encouraged and taught me a lot through them. Thanks! K.G.

You're always a breath of fresh air. I love your presentation of biblical truth that has practical applications. C.S.

It's always great to have you here. Thanks for your encouragement to "press on" in faith. G.W.

Great teaching. Please come back soon! J.K.

Good job! I always enjoy your being here. R.P.

GES Publications Are Fantastic

Thanks for doing such a fantastic job at GES. I love the new look of the newsletters, the podcast is great, and I can't wait for the commentary to come out. Gold & Dross is wonderful, as well.

J.S. ~ e-mail

Please Keep the New Tract in Print!

Is the booklet The Best News You'll Ever Hear going to be available [again] in the future? I noticed that it was not listed under publications any more. I think that it is a great evangelistic booklet and have already purchased 300 of them.

B.F. ~ e-mail

Editor's Note: We still have a quantity available and we are currently in the process of re-printing these booklets. Please pray that we find a way to make them available as inexpensively as possible.

Loved the Nov/Dec Grace in Focus

Thanks for your newsletter. We do not hear of many pastors who preach about the rewards of the kingdom and the rewards of ruling in the kingdom. [Both articles] were very good.

C.S. ~ Random Lake, WI



Bob and Sharon, Bob's Mother Jean, Aunt Desanka, and Sister Pam

Financial Report

Dec Budget	\$32,100
Dec Revenue	\$73,590 <+ \$41,490 >
YTD Budget ⁺	\$192,600*
YTD Revenue	\$186,182 <- \$6,418 >

⁺Our fiscal year runs from July-June

Our December gifts came to \$73,590. We are very thankful for your gifts. We came into the month \$48,000 under budget. Thus we needed to take in \$80,000 to get back to even. Ideally we were hoping to get ahead since almost 25% of our support typically comes in during December. The months of January through June are typically significantly under budget.

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PRE-TRIB STUDY GROUP DALLAS, TEXAS December 4-6

There were many excellent messages at this year's Pre-Trib conference, including a number of messages on postmodernism and the emerging church.

I was privileged to be one of the speakers this year. My message was entitled, "Postmodernism and Its Impact on Theological Education." The audience was very much "with me" on what I had to say. Afterwards I heard many positive comments.

It appears I will get a number of speaking engagements for GES as a result. Two pastors from upstate New York told me they wanted me to come and speak. I've since been in email contact and we've started the ball rolling. A man who heads a major conference ministry told me he wanted me to speak at one of his conferences.

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The Pre-Trib Study Group
before Bob Spoke



Grace Chapel before Bob Spoke on
Christmas Eve

GRACE CHAPEL ORANGE, CALIFORNIA December 24

This is the second year in a row that Sharon and I have been able to be in Southern California and at Grace Chapel at Christmas. It is great to see all our friends at Grace Chapel and to be able to visit my Mom and sister and other family as well.

On Saturday night Sharon and I enjoyed an evening of fellowship with Ricardo and Laurie Campos, Frank and Babbette Tyler, John and Diane Niemelä, and several others from Grace Chapel.

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I've been in email contact with him as well since the conference.

I was interviewed on camera by Dr. Tom McCall after I spoke at Pre-Trib. I understand our 20 minute segment will appear on Christian television, though I don't have any details at this time.

If you'd like a manuscript of what I said, email us (ges@faithalone.org) and we will email you a copy of the 30+ page paper.



Bob Being Interviewed for Television by Dr. Tom McCall



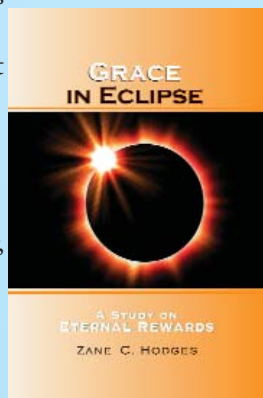
Bob with Pastors Neil Anderson and Arch Rutherford

On Tuesday Pastors Neil Anderson and Arch Rutherford and Zane Hodges and I enjoyed a great time of discussion over an early dinner. In addition to Arch and Neil, I saw a number of Free Grace friends at this conference including three Hornok brothers, Doug, Ken, and Richard, René Lopez, Andy Woods, Lewis Schoettle, Arnold Fruchtenbaum, Mark Piland, Dr. Richard Grubbs, Tyler Beard, Mark Carr, Marion and Oscar Segura, Fred Lybrand, Charlie Bing, Zock and Dolores Zockert, and others.

GRACE IN ECLIPSE (THIRD EDITION) TO BE RELEASED IN JANUARY

The third edition of Zane's marvelous book on rewards, *Grace in Eclipse*, went to the printer early in December. It should be to us by the end of this month or the beginning of February. Your support makes it possible for us to publish books like this.

We hope soon to get Zane's barnburner, *The Gospel Under Siege*, back in print, and then *The Hungry Inherit*. In addition, the monthly taping that Zane and I have been doing on the Gospels will hopefully soon be ready for editing. So we have three different books, not counting the NT commentary, that we hope to release in 2007.



We enjoyed a nice meal at a Chinese restaurant and then went to a wonderful Christmas pageant at a large church in the area.

I spoke on Luke 2:22-38 on Christmas morning. Two OT saints, Simeon and Anna, rejoiced when the baby Jesus was brought to the temple by Joseph and Mary. These octogenarians testified publicly that this baby is the long-awaited Messiah of Israel.

Simeon and Anna knew they had everlasting life because of their faith in the Messiah, this little baby. Old Testament saints were not ignorant of many of the truths we cherish. Anna and Simeon, though before the cross and even before the ministry of Jesus, had tremendous insights into the Person and work of Jesus.

Sharon and I were able to spend a lot of time with my Mom (who is now 94) and my sister Pam on this trip. Mom is doing very well. Her doctor says he thinks she may live to be 100.



Bob with Bob, Frank, and Lester at Grace Chapel

CYPRESS VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH MARSHALL, TEXAS December 3

With Pastor Bob Bryant away on an overseas mission trip, I was privileged to fill the pulpit. I spoke on "Big Faith, Little Faith" from various verses in the Synoptic Gospels. This was a revision of a conference message I gave a few years back. It was well received in both services.

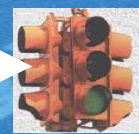
Sharon and I especially enjoyed supper and conversation with Jim and Wanda Easley (with whom we stayed Saturday night) and their daughter and son in law, Amy and Scott Paige. We also had a great time interacting with a large group of people after church during a meal for people interested in missions. (GES is one of the church's missionary organizations.)

Thank you, CVBC, for being *partners in grace*!



Cypress Valley Bible Church before Bob Spoke

GRACE ON THE GO



December

31 Vista Ridge Bible Church (VRBC), Flower Mound, Texas, Session 1 of Rewards Conference

January

7 VRBC, Sessions 2 & 3 of Rewards Conference

14 VRBC, Sessions 4 & 5 of Rewards Conference

February

10-11 Anoka (Minnesota) Bible Church

March

5-8 GES Annual Conference, Dallas, Texas

April

20-22 Colorado Springs, Colorado, Regional Conference



Bob and Sharon with Mary Lou and Irene at Grace Chapel

VICTOR STREET BIBLE CHURCH DALLAS, TEXAS December 10

I've begun a new series at Victor Street Bible Church on the Book of Acts. I covered one of the most important chapters in Acts in a sermon entitled, "The Church Is Born" from Acts 2:1-47. It gave me a chance to cover a



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number of key issues (like speaking in tongues, regeneration, forgiveness, baptism of the Holy Spirit) and verses (like 2:38 and 2:42).

In the second meeting, the Lord's Supper meeting, we discussed in more detail the issues of speaking of tongues and the relationship between Acts 2:38 and Acts 10:43-48.

If you would like to listen to the sermon, it is available for free through our website podcast.

COMMENTARY PROJECT Due out in Late 2007

We came close to having all our first drafts in by the end of December. We still lack parts of a few books, but we are in position to give the commentary a good chance to being in print by the end of 2007. We appreciate your prayers as this is a lot of pressure for Jeremy and me.

GES TWELFTH ANNUAL GRACE CONFERENCE DALLAS, TEXAS March 5-8, 2007

This will be our second year at the Crowne Plaza. The hotel rooms are all suites, with a refrigerator and a microwave. For only \$87 per night, this is quite a deal. And that includes free shuttle service from either DFW or Dallas Love Field.

You may get more information and register online at www.faithalone.org. Or you can call us toll free at 1.877.292.2522. The registration fee for first-time attendees is only \$60! Pastors or missionaries (including anyone on a church staff) who have never attended may come free. The normal \$160 registration fee is still a bargain, and it includes one's spouse! We hope to see many of you there. We'd appreciate your prayers and your help in spreading the word about this important conference. You can download flyers from the web.

If you haven't reserved your hotel room, we suggest you do so now. Call the hotel directly at 888.303.1746. Make sure you indicate you are with the GES conference and that you want the special conference rate of \$87 per night.

If you have any questions, please call or email Carl (carl@faithalone.org).

Grace Conference March 5-8, 2007

Registration: \$160
Room: \$87
MP3 CD: \$40
Banquet: \$25
Fellowship: *Priceless*

