

Notes & Letters

Great Resources!

The books [*Confident in Christ*, *Harmony with God*, and *The Epistles of John*] are super duper!

L.O. ~ New Market, AL

Simple But True

Keep up the good news of faith alone in Christ alone! Thank you for all the work you do to bring this simple but true message to others.

C.L. ~ Indianapolis, IN

South African Sees What Real Salvation Truly Is

I went to John MacArthur's GTY fellowship, but left them 6 months ago due to the Lordship Salvation debacle (here in South Africa nobody knows what it is, except the North American pastor from GTY but he makes the free-gracers destined for hell!)...In our country the Roman Catholic Church and the Dutch Reformed Church are the largest two denominations. Charles Ryrie and Robert Wilkin's books helped me see what real salvation truly is.

T.P. ~ South Africa

Someone Out There

I read this newsletter *Grace in Focus* and it made me get so excited that there is someone out there, who knows that

you only have to believe in God to have eternal life. There are people in the church who tell you, that you have to get up there in front of people and do all sorts of things in order to get saved. I thank you so much for publishing this article [Bob Wilkin, "Present Faith: The Basis of Assurance," *GIF* (Nov/Dec 2004)].

W.E. ~ Internet reader

New to the Website

Got your website [www.faithalone.org] from a

friend of mine last night. I thoroughly enjoyed all the many interesting articles. What a great ministry you have.

G.C. ~ San Antonio, TX



Bob, Steve Elkins, and Mike Makidon visiting at the office

PARTNERS in Grace

Winter Board Meeting

Irving, TX

January 31

It is such a joy to meet with the GES Board. These men are committed to the Lord and His grace message. We discuss ways in which GES can continue to be faithful to what we are doing and also how we might improve.

The Board is encouraged on where we are. Finances are now back at the level they were in 2001 before the terrorist attacks on 9/11. Our conference keeps growing and registrations at this time are ahead of last year. We are adding a family camp in Tulsa this summer. In addition to my new book on assurance due out in a few weeks, we have plans to release two more books by other authors during 2005. A booklet on eternal security is in the works. The one-volume New Testament commentary is gaining momentum and we hope to have at least first drafts of every book by the end of December. A 2006 release date seems quite possible.

The Board remains convinced that the key to our success is remaining rock solid on the grace message. Doctrine matters. While there is much diversity in the Free Grace camp on non-essential issues, GES must not waver on the nature of faith, assurance being of the essence of saving faith, perseverance as commanded but not guaranteed, etc.


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Bob and Mike with the GES board (Troy Jensen, Brad Daskocil, JB Bond, and Doug Hill)

DTS Discipleship Group February 16

Last semester we never did meet. We tried. But schedules wouldn't seem to mesh. And I was so busy trying to finish *Secure and Sure* that I had a hard time overcoming the schedule conflicts.

Well, after a month of trying, six DTS students were able to meet with me on Wednesday for lunch. We discussed how focusing on the Judgment Seat of Christ, the Bema, is crucial for all aspects of the Christian life and ministry. We discussed 1 John 2:28 and 4:17-19 and I related experiences in my life and ministry over the past 30 years where Bema truth kept me focused on the right priorities. I discussed with them how such a focus will be crucial for their work with church boards, in their marriages, in supervising people, etc. I always enjoy my time at DTS. 

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Financial Report

February Revenue	\$23,421
February Budget	\$27,320
YTD Revenue	\$237,662
YTD Budget	\$218,560



Bob with his DTS discipleship group



Sunday morning at Alvin Bible



Bob's Saturday night Bible study at ABC




Sharon at lunch with the Holt family from Berean Memorial

Alvin (TX) Bible Church

February 26-27


Pastor Roy Barskey asked me to focus on assurance since that is the subject of my new book. On Saturday night I spoke to a group at his home on "The Gospel and Assurance." In Sunday school the topic was "Assurance and First John." Matthew 7:21-23 concerns "Assurance and False Professors." That was the title of the sermon. On Sunday after church we talked about "The Current Crisis in Assurance" at the Barskey's.

This growing church is such an encouragement. They had new people there who are from all around the world, including Romania, Japan, Panama, and Nigeria. My thanks to Roy and Carol and all our friends at Alvin Bible Church. 

Winter Board

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The Board wishes to thank all of you for your partnership in this ministry. Without you, humanly speaking, we could not promote the Free Grace message.

And thank you, Board members, for taking time out of your busy schedules to help guide this ship. 

The Grace Conference

March 14-17, 2005

We hope to see you there. Next month we will give you a detailed report.


At this point we have a little more than 250 people pre-registered, which is fantastic. It looks like we may break our record of 320, set at last year's conference. Thank you for your support and prayers. 

Berean Memorial Church

Irving, TX

February 20


Pastor Leon Adkins was out of town at a Christian school conference. I chose to speak on a complicated subject: Eternal salvation in Hebrews 5:9. I really tried to do way too much. I discussed: 1) *salvation* in the New Testament in general; 2) *salvation* in the Book of Hebrews as a whole; and 3) *eternal salvation* in Hebrews 5:9. Actually I think the content was good. Afterwards people told me that. It was just too much of a good thing! But, if you'd like a copy of the message, we'd be happy to send you a CD (email mike@faithalone.org). If you are willing to wade through a lot of material, you might enjoy it.

My thanks to the good people at BMC for hanging in there with me. And my thanks to the Holts for taking Sharon and me out to a nice lunch at Luby's afterwards! 

Victor Street Bible Chapel

Dallas, TX

February 13

First John 2:24-28 speaks of abiding in the truth we have been taught so that we might have boldness and not shame at Christ's coming. Everyone was very responsive to the message. One visitor who is a practicing Catholic came up afterwards and said, "So you are saying all we have to do is believe in Jesus and then we are set forever?" "Yes," I replied. "Well," he said, "that's too easy. You have to tell others and you have to live the life." I told him I believed that way for years but a friend showed me from the Bible that Jesus promises eternal life to those who simply believe in Him. In one sense that is not easy, since most people consider that a crazy idea. I gave him a copy of *Confident in Christ*. 

Grace on the Go

March

14-17 GES 10th Annual Conference, Irving, TX
20 Simi Valley (CA) Evangelical Free Church

April

1-3 Louisiana Men's Retreat
8-10 Jansen (NE) Bible Church
22 Debate with leading Reformed Apologist Dr. James White on 1) Regeneration Precedes Faith, & 2) Good Words Are Necessary to Prove Regeneration.


Spotlight on Your Support

We received *Secure and Sure: Grasping the Promises of God* on Monday, February 21st. Hooray. We've been awaiting this book for a long time.

Two friends who have just published books asked me, "Bob, why do you sell your books so cheap? \$9.95 is way too low on a book of this length. It should be \$14 or \$15 or even more." My response was this: "We set a low price so we can maximize distribution. We want more people to buy and read these books; and the lower the price, the more people will be able to afford them. Besides, all our books are underwritten by the GES partners. They allow us to produce the books and then sell them gradually over years at a great price."

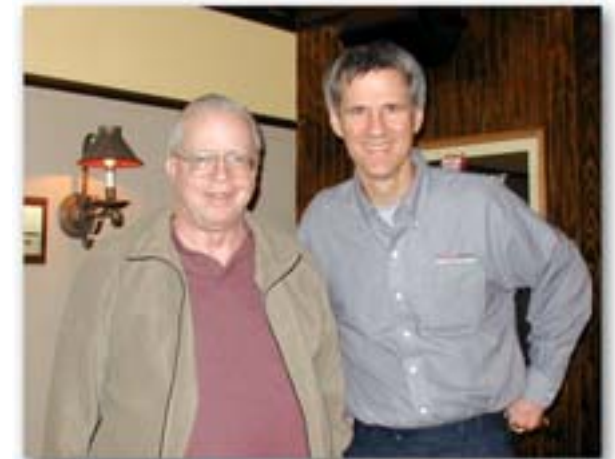
Did you know that we have now sold over 10,000 copies of *Confident in Christ*? And we've sold over 100,000 of the booklet *You Can Be Sure*. Your support makes this possible.

We have high hopes for the impact *Secure and Sure* will make. Whatever it is, you will share in the rewards at the Bema for this project since you are coworkers with us.

Thanks so much. It is a pleasure to be able to serve in this way. And you help make that possible. 



Sunday morning at Victor Street before Bob's message



Zane Hodges and Bob after a Feb 15th lunch in which much theology was discussed



Men from Berean visiting after Bob's message