

Partners in Grace

June 2009

Commentary Update

We are in the final stages of most of the commentaries. While there is still much to do, we are still optimistic that we can begin typesetting in July and have it to the printer by the end of August. If so, we should have it in print by the end of October.

Thank you for your prayers and support of this project. This promises to be a fantastic resource. While I'm biased, I think that it is not only an outstanding one-volume Free Grace commentary on the New Testament, I believe it is an outstanding one-volume New Testament commentary. People who like The Bible Knowledge Commentary should like ours as well, even if they aren't from the Free Grace perspective.



VSBC Congregation



Crosses donated to Victor Street Bible Chapel via GES

Victor Street Bible Chapel

May 10

Continuing through Acts we arrived at Paul's ministry in Ephesus (Acts 18:18–19:20). There are many applications of this portion of Acts. First, we should not think we must go through some ritual to have God's blessing. Second, the opposite is not true either. Just because we say the right words doesn't open a blessing from God. Third, disciples need strengthening. Fourth, what we do hinges on God's will. Our lives are fragile and in His hands.

In 1982 I took a Greek exegetical course from Zane Hodges on Acts. My sermon series to this point has relied heavily on those class notes. Unfortunately, he finished his lectures through Acts with Acts 19:20. So, from here on out, I won't have his notes to look back on. Now that he is with the Lord, it is especially comforting to still have class notes from him and to have a lifetime of memories of our conversations together.



*Grace
on the Go*

June 14

Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas, TX.

July 24-25

Omaha Regional Conference at Believer's Bible Church (tentative)

June 26

Community Bible Church, Omaha (tentative)



Congregation of CVBC, first service

Cypress Valley Bible Church Marshall, TX

May 29-31

Sharon and I were in Marshall Friday through Sunday. We stayed with Jim and Wanda Easley and had a great time of fellowship and rest on Friday and Saturday.

On Sunday I spoke at both services on the Parable of the Four Soils from Luke 8:11-18. I really love that parable. The messages were well received.

It was good see so many wonderful friends in Marshall, including the Jim and Wanda, John and Connie Claeys, and Amy and Scott Paige.

Pastor Bob Bryant and his wife Sherry were tied up all weekend as they moved her parents (ages 88 and 91) from Dallas to Marshall. For a long time now Sherry (and often Bob with her) has been driving 5 or 6 hours round trip each Friday to help her parents, who really needed to be in assisted living. It will be wonderful for them to have her parents close now.

For more pictures go to our Facebook page, which you can access from the homepage of our website.



Congregation of CVBC, second service

Notes and Letters

Just wanted to say Bravo on your book (Confident in Christ) that goes into an area that we all know but take for granted without scrutinizing the N.T. teaching very well.

—Email, JS

Thanks for preaching for me. I heard everything went well.

—Email, Philippe Sterling, Pastor,

Vista Ridge Bible Fellowship, Lewisville, TX

I appreciate your articles in Grace in Focus. For a number of years I have been writing a book about God's grace in salvation. Of course, it is based on faith alone in Christ alone...Do you know of any publishers that might be interested? P.S. Keep up the great work.

—Letter, FM

Editor's note: I wrote him back and told him we'd like to look at it for possible publication. If we pursue this, I'll tell you all about it in a future Partner's newsletter.

I liked the May-June Grace in Focus newsletter a lot. This week, a couple in our church met an elderly woman with a very relevant insight. As their conversation turned to the gospel, the couple boldly proclaimed that salvation comes before a changed life. "That's right!" said the elderly woman, "You gotta catch a fish before you clean it!" Amen! The Lord told His fishermen disciples that He would make them fishers of men.

—Email, MC

I recently joined a predominantly preterist website (Sovereign Grace Preterism) where I shared the John 5:24 passage as being the only verse that one needs to know that they will spend eternity with the Lord Jesus Christ....the assurance of eternal life...one cannot imagine the responses (over 75) that I received stating that John 5:24 was not all one needs for eternal life....since I have become a believer which was in 1970...I have just recently (in last 3 years) become aware of how important John 5:24 & other verses are for the simplicity of sharing How You Get To Heaven...at this time I need to thank Bob Wilkin & others for making it so clear on the plan of How One Gets To Heaven...thanks Bob for making that so clear....

SL, via facebook

May Financial Report

May Budget \$27,740

YTD* Budget \$305,140

May Revenue \$11,864 <-\$15,876>

YTD Revenue \$245,313 <-\$59,827>

* Our fiscal year ends on June 30th. As you can see above, we are \$59,827 under budget with one month to go. Fortunately we have cut our spending to the bone to reduce costs and thus we are still in good shape financially. However, it would still be good if we could have a solid last month of our fiscal year. Thank you for fellowship in this ministry.

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