

Notes & Letters

Impacted by Grace

I am an international missionary with Campus Crusade for Christ in Bratislava, Slovakia (former Czechoslovakia). This year Bob Bryant [pastor in Marshall, TX] came to teach two seminary courses for our ministry. Through Bob and Sherry [his wife], my wife and I have been introduced to your website and newsletter. Our lives have been profoundly impacted by grace teaching and we want to learn more and more.

J.R. ~ Bratislava, Slovakia

Struggling With Lordship Salvation

Thank you so much for this insight [in the Grace in Focus newsletter]. My son who is a blooming pastor is having trouble with what to believe about Lordship Salvation since other pastors in his church teach it. He is not sure where to draw the line. This newsletter will help him a lot.

S.S. ~ Westville, OK

Enjoying the Education

I think that GES is one of the most worthwhile organizations and I have enjoyed learning and studying under people who obviously have the gospel straight.

K.R. ~ Kirksville, MO



Bob visiting with Dr. George Rutenbar and Peter Clark

A Touching Visit

Just a short note to let you know how much we enjoyed meeting you both [Bob and Sharon] at church Sunday. Bob, your message was an answer to one of my prayers... You made it [eternal security] so clear... that once we've received the wonderful gift of eternal life, God will not take it away from us. Thank you again. God used you in a wonderful way. I give Him all the praise for using you. Sharon, you are such a "shining light." The

love of Jesus just glowed through you like the sun. You have such a beautiful smile and are a true pleasure to talk to. It was such a pleasure meeting you both. I hope our paths will cross again very soon.


R&S ~ Texas

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Waxahachie (TX) Bible Church October 9-10

Pastor Bruce Zimmerman and his wife Sheila are regular attendees at our annual conference. I've spoken at WBC twice so far. Waxahachie (pronounced Walks-a-hatch-ee not Wax-a-hatch-ee) is about an hour south of Dallas and is a very historic and beautiful town. Some of the Sally Field movie "Places in the Heart" was shot there. In fact, the hotel Sharon and I stayed in, The Rogers Hotel, was a bank in that movie.

There were two services, one at 8:15 and the other at 10:45. My topic was "I Wish We'd All Been Ready" (1 Thess 5:1-11). Since Bruce is in the middle of a series on the Book of Revelation and he recently finished Chapters 2 and 3, this message tied right in.


My thanks to everyone at WBC for making Sharon and me feel like family. I hope that I will have a chance to visit there again soon. 



Waxahachie Bible on Sunday morning

The Urban Alternative DFW Airport Hyatt October 6-7

This is the fifth time in which I have been privileged to represent GES at Dr. Tony Evans's conference for pastors and church leaders. The Urban Alternative annual conference primarily attracts pastors and church leaders from the inner city. I presented two two-hour workshops: "The Epistle of James" and "Assurance, Eternal Security, and Eternal Rewards." They were both very well received.

There were about 40 people in the class on James and 20 in the class on assurance and eternal security. Both groups were very receptive. It is such a privilege to teach pastors and church leaders who will take what I've taught them back to their congregations. I really appreciate Tony giving me an opportunity to speak at his conference. 



Bob with former board members Ralph Grant & Zane Hodges

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Sunday morning at Bayside Community Church



GES partners Jim and Vivian Coates at BCC




David and Debra Stephens at BCC with Bob

Bayside Community Church

Tampa, FL

October 2-3

If I'd come 1, 2, or 3 weeks earlier, I would have been caught up in hurricane adventures. Dr. Paul Benware had to walk about a half mile through knee deep water with his luggage on his head when it was time for him to leave a few weeks earlier. The church had to cancel services the Sunday before I spoke and the visiting speaker wasn't able to get a flight out until Wednesday.


I spoke on the Bema in the first hour and Second Peter 3 (God Is Getting Fed Up) in the second hour. I was encouraged by all of the comments I received showing that people understood and were challenged by the messages. 

Thanks So Much

A day almost never goes by when one or more of us in the office isn't talking with someone on the phone or via email about assurance, eternal security, the gospel, or eternal rewards. Often all of us do so.

It's such a privilege to be able to help pastors, elders, deacons, women's leaders, Bible teachers, and a host of others be more effective in evangelizing and discipling. We couldn't do this without your support.

You may think there are thousands of supporters. There aren't. There are only a few hundred. Each of you does your part in helping us promote clarity in evangelism and discipleship. And we appreciate you and your financial and prayerful support.


Paul's words come to mind in this regard: "Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account" (Phil 4:17). Amen. 

Commentary Support Update

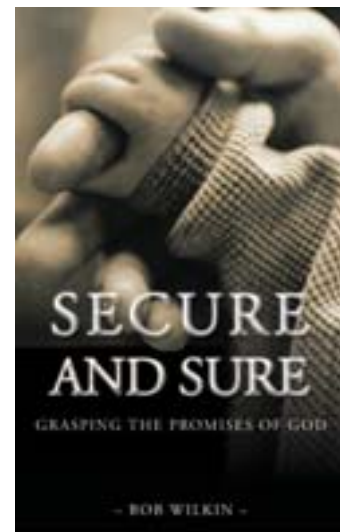
151 Gifts to Go


Gifts started coming in quickly for the commentary. We had asked for 175 gifts of \$200. So far we have received \$4830 for the commentary fund, which works out to a little more than 24 \$200 gifts.

Thank you for your gifts. While we still have a long way to go by next June, we are off to a good start.


We have been able in the last two months to recruit four excellent people, two seminary graduates and two fourth-year seminary students, who are doing editing for us. While I will do the final editing of all the commentaries, this team will help out tremendously. 

Book on Assurance



We have the cover design completed as you can see. The endorsements are all in. We are in the final proofing stages. Lord willing we should start typesetting by the time you get this and get it to the printer by late November or early December. If so, it should be ready for distribution in January. Thank you for your prayers. Please pray that we finish this book well. 

Prayer Requests

The assurance book is almost ready. Pray that the final editing and printing will go well. Also, pray that this book will have a great impact on all who read it. Please pray for the commentary project. Several of the authors are behind schedule, which could delay editing. Also pray for the project's finances and its future impact. We are excited about the prospect of having a one-volume commentary on the entire New Testament. Please pray for the conference in March and a possible family camp that we are planning for next summer. This could one day be as big of an event as the conference. We'll update you soon with more details. 

Grace on the Go

October

31 East Clairemont Southern Baptist Church, San Diego, CA

November

7 Arlington (TX) Community Church

16-19 Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meetings, San Antonio, TX

19-21 Communion Bible Chapel, San Antonio, TX

December

4-5 Grace Bible Church, Laredo, TX

January

8-22 Chafer Theological Seminary, Orange, CA. Class on Adv. Hermeneutics. Class meets on MWF nights and Saturdays. Class is open to all in the area. Call GES or Chafer for info.

9 Coast Bible Church, San Juan Capistrano, CA

16 TBA, Southern Calif.

23 TBA, Southern Calif.



Bob's TUA seminar on Eternal Security, Assurance, and Eternal Rewards



Waxahachie members Bob & Dana Evans with Mike Beam



Bob's TUA seminar on the Book of James