



Bob at Bayside Community Church (above and to the right)

Bayside Community Church Tampa, FL July 6, 2014

It was good to be back with the folks at Bayside Community Church in beautiful Tampa. I (Shawn) spoke twice on election. First, I pointed out the individual/corporate pattern in OT election. And second, I went over some of the problem verses that are typically used in predestination debates. I argued that election is always to service and privilege, not to eternal life.

Bayside Community Church Tampa, FL July 13, 2014

One week after Shawn, I (Bob) gave two messages from Philippians Chapter 1: "Rejoice That Christ Is Clearly Preached (Phil 1:12-18)" and "To Live Is Christ (Phil 1:19-26)." Both messages were well received. After

the service I was able to visit over lunch with about 10 of the people from church.

Again I stayed at the home of Margaret Riedel. She is still going strong at age 92.



World Changers Youth Conference Columbia, SC July 23, 2014

The conference was for high school students who assist people in need. They do repairs on homes for the elderly, for example. Ken Yates spoke at Kilbourne Ave. Baptist Church on Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus in John 3 and that faith alone is the requirement for eternal life. However, the example of John the Baptist in the same chapter shows us that once we believe we should be bold witnesses for the truth we know.

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Doing the Wave at Victor Street

Victor Street Bible Chapel Dallas, TX July 20, 2014

Continuing in Philippians, I spoke on Phil 2:1-11, "Unity Comes from Humbly Following Christ." The Lord Jesus did not empty Himself of *all but love* as the song says. Instead, I suggested that He emptied Himself in the sense that *He poured Himself out*. He experienced hunger, thirst, pain, suffering, and ultimately a terrible death on the cross. All for us. His example should lead local churches into true unity.

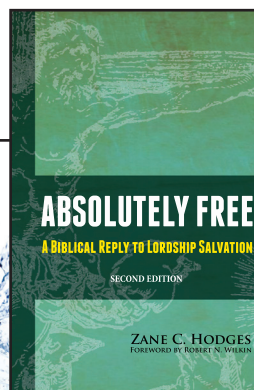
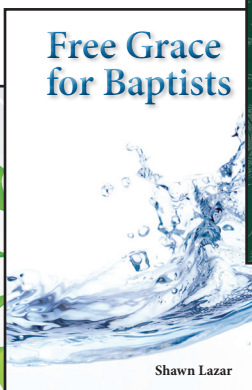
In the Lord's Supper meeting I covered Revelation 8, "The Seventh Seal and the First Four Trumpets." Those first four judgments all deal with ecological disasters, land, sea, rivers, and finally, the sun, moon, and stars.

Upcoming Publications

There are several publications in the works. We received the proof for the reprint of Zane's *Absolutely Free* last week. We expect the first copies in September.

Bob's *The Real Gospel According to Jesus* (we might change the title) is going through some serious editing, and getting better every day.

The first draft of Shawn's *Chosen to Serve* is done and



the second draft is on its way.

Four new booklets are going to press, including: *What is Saving Faith?*, *Free Grace for Baptists*, *Biblical Perseverance*, and *Once Saved, Always Saved*.

Kyle is hard at work turning the *Tough Texts* CDs into book form.

The long version of Zane's commentary on *2 Peter* is halfway done being formatted, as is the second edition of Bob's *Confident in Christ*.

Pray for us as we try to get all these projects finished in time for the Christmas season.

Notes & Letters

"We enjoy and appreciate your magazine. You are right on target with each issue."

~R.K., Holt, MI.

"I love *Grace in Focus*! Thank-you!"

~BK, email.

"The last two days have just filled me up with such great joy due to the teaching from the 2014 Conference. I'm having a hard time containing my emotions. My husband and I missed that one, and yet I'm finding it's one of the best conferences (so far) I've heard. These messages off the MP3 (main sessions) are *amazing*! I

can't get enough of it! Starting off with JB Bond and then Bob Wilkin's wonderful message. John Niemela's teaching on the things that Zane pioneered in Romans 5 and 8. I'm just exploding with enlightenment. Then today I listened to Ken Yates, and honestly, I was in tears. Hearing Ken talk about his cancer and

his twins just topped everything off for me. On and on the good teaching goes...I haven't heard everyone yet, but these speakers kept me captivated and tuned it. Can't wait to listen to more. It was like I left this world and was occupied with the Kingdom of God.

~DB, email.