



Shawn and I. Howard Marshall

Evangelical Theological Society Baltimore, Maryland November 18-21

Shawn represented GES at the Evangelical Theological Society (ETS) annual meeting, giving a workshop on cheap law versus cheap grace and spoke on a panel discussing Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Charlie Bing attended and noted that Shawn's session was the only one at the conference that touched on Free Grace. Shawn had the opportunity to visit with several people, including Bing, Phil Congdon, and Dr. Elliott Johnson, as well as the new ETS president Robert Yarbrough, who attended his session and spoke on the panel.

Shawn also had dinner with I. Howard Marshall, the famed Scottish NT professor. They talked about John 3:16 and the promise that believers will never perish. Shawn asked Dr. Marshall what that promise meant, and he answered that believers have everlasting life and won't perish. Surprised, Shawn asked him if, as a Methodist, he actually believed we *could* lose our salvation. Marshall affirmed we could. Shawn asked how he could believe that both statements were true. Marshall replied that we must hold them "in tension." Shawn promised to read Marshall's book *Kept by the Power of God* and follow up. Please pray for Prof. Marshall.

Victor Street Bible Chapel November 10, 24

I am finally about to complete my series on Genesis. I spoke on Genesis 48 (Jacob blesses Joseph's sons) and Genesis 49:1-28 (Jacob blesses his twelve sons). Both messages were well received.

In the Lord's Supper meetings I covered Revelation 2 on November 10th and Revelation 3 on November 24th, giving overviews of each chapter.

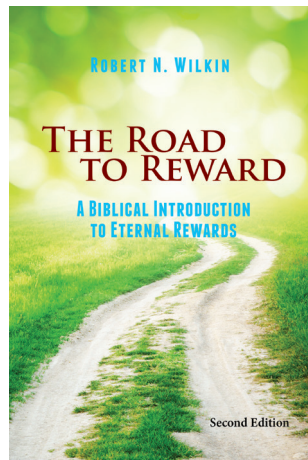
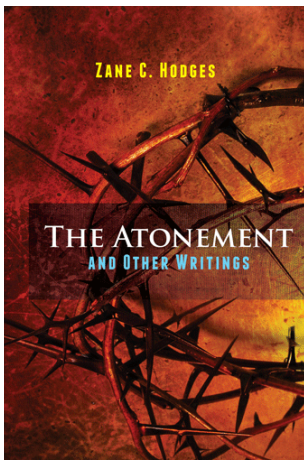


Jacob blesses his twelve sons

Bayside Community Church Tampa, Florida November 30-December 1

Since we need to print and mail this before Thanksgiving, I will report on this ministry trip in next month's Partner's newsletter. I plan to speak on the topic "Support the Truth (2nd and 3rd John)" in the first service and "He Will Save His People from Their Sins (Matt 1:21)" in the second service.

LETTERS: "I always read *Grace in Focus* with interest. I just wanted to let you know that your article on repentance was spot on. Keep up the good work." B.G., New London, NC



Special December Gifts Would Help

Our fiscal year runs from July 2013 through June 2014. The first five months have been reasonably good, especially considering the economy. However, we ended November \$18,484 behind budget.

We typically take in about 25% of our annual revenue in December. Based on our current budget of \$373,400, that would mean we'd take in \$93,350 in December if there are lots of year-end gifts. If that were to happen, we would get ahead of budget and then we might end our fiscal year in June 2014 on budget. Normally the second half of the fiscal year is well below budget. So we rely on the Lord for a good December.

In any case, we are so thankful this Thanksgiving for your partnership. Together we are making an impact for our Lord, Savior, and soon-returning Judge.

Prayer Requests

We appreciate your prayers for our staff, for Bob as he completes *The Real Gospel According to Jesus*, for our upcoming April 21-24 conference, for our finances, for the magazine as we expand next month to 32 pages, for our journal, for sales of our books so that book ministry is reaching more and more people, for our country and especially our country's finances, and for the health and spiritual prosperity of our partners.

GRACE ON THE GO

December

- 1** Bayside Community Church, Tampa, FL (Bob)
- 8** First Baptist Church of Honey Grove, TX (Shawn)
- 15** First Baptist Church of Honey Grove, TX (Bob)
- 29** Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas, TX (Bob)

January

- 10-12** Winter GES Board meeting, Dallas, TX

LETTERS: "God Bless you, Bob, and GES, for your faithfulness to sound doctrine and to teaching the saving message of faith in Christ alone." N.H. Maroa, IL

Updates on Special Publications

The Autumn 2013 Journal should be mailed out around December 11th and should be received by most of you who subscribe to the Journal by December 20th.

Other books that are close to being printed include reprints of Zane's *Absolutely Free*, a collection of his booklets called *Atonement and Other Writings*, as well as revisions of my books *Confident in Christ* and *Road to Reward*. Other projects we hope to have ready for the conference include my new book, *The Real Gospel According to Jesus* and *Chosen to Serve: A Vocational View of Divine Election*, by Shawn. There are a few more books in the works, but we'll keep those secret for now.



Shawn and Daphne holding US citizen certificate

Shawn Became a U.S. Citizen November 25

On the morning of the 25th, Shawn took the Oath of Allegiance and became a U.S. citizen. As a condition of his citizenship he had to renounce spelling words like color, honor, and odor with an extra "u", ending sentences with "eh?", and is required by law to watch football.