



Shawn and Dan

Victor Street Bible Chapel February 8, 22

On February 8 I (Bob) spoke on Phil 1:1-7. This is a very applicational section. Paul calls for the believers in Philippi to be united, joyful, gentle, and prayerful. In the Lord's Supper I spoke on the second beast of Revelation, the beast out of the land (Israel?), the world religious leader who gets people to worship the man of sin.

On February 22 I spoke on Phil 1:8-9, "Right Doing Flows from Right Thinking." As we find many other places in Paul (Rom 12:1-2; 2 Cor 3:18; Eph 4:20-24), transformation of our behavior comes by the renewal of our minds. The Word of God needs to change our thinking so that our behavior will then follow. In the Lord's Supper I spoke on Rev 14:1-5, "The Lamb and the 144,000."

Teen Retreat Hill Country Bible Church Georgetown, TX February 20-21

I (Shawn) had a really good time speaking at a retreat for junior high and high school students, held at beautiful Camp Buckner. I was invited by Dan Robb, the youth pastor at Hill Country Bible Church, Georgetown, TX.

A few days before I was supposed to speak, I got the flu. I felt miserable. Abby didn't want me driving down. But I got in the car and six hours later (it was supposed to be a 3.5 hour trip, but I have a talent for getting lost) I arrived at the camp. I know there were people praying for me because from the time between my first Friday

night session to my last session on Saturday night I felt good. But as soon as I got in the car and started driving back home, the flu came back.

The teens were very polite, listened well, and showed me a lot of grace. I was a summer camp chaplain for two years, so I know a good group of kids when I see one.

I spoke on Getting Right with God (Rom 4:5),

Seeing What We Are in Christ (Gal 2:20), and Fellowshiping with God (1 John 1:6-9). It seems to me that the parents, church, school, and youth pastor are doing a really good job with these teens. I'm scheduled to speak with them again this summer.

Special Publications Updates

We're so close! Four new booklets are going to the printer this week.

The Spring 2015 journal will be going to the printer at the end of this month.

And we're putting the finishing touches on *Second Peter*, *Faith in His Name* (Zane's commentary on John 1-6), *Confident in Christ* (Second Edition), and *Tough Texts*, to have them all ready by the May conference!

A Gospel of Doubt: The Legacy of John MacArthur's The Gospel According to Jesus Is Almost Done

We have been careful in the editing of this book. Brad Daskocil spent hundreds of hours going over every chapter with a fine toothed comb. Shawn and Kyle edited it too. Then Pastors Paul Carpenter and Joe Lombardi went over it too.

All of that has meant a lot of rewriting by me. But in the end, the book is much better. The sample chapters we gave out at last year's conference we deemed a bit too snarky. So we have de-snarked it! Some of the chapters were too long, so we did the painful work of cutting.

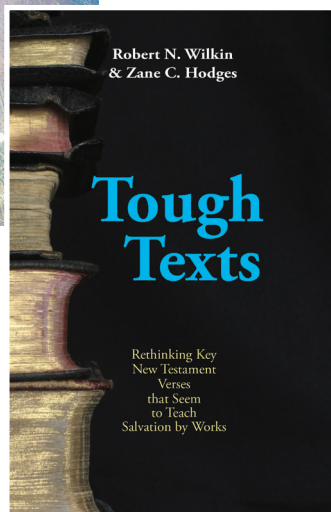
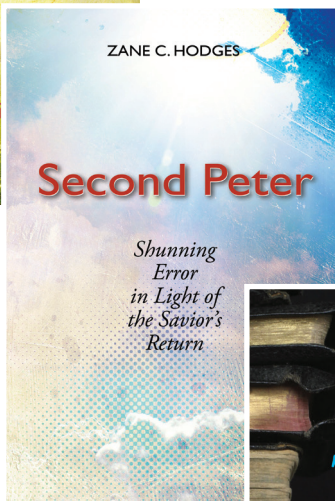
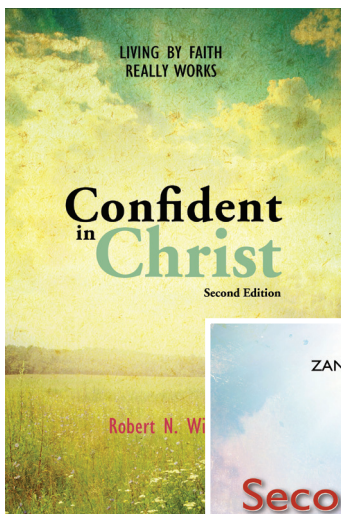
In February I completed the last of the changes (other than a few of the later chapters that Paul will respond to in early March). We plan to do the typesetting by March 15, then proofing. Hopefully it will go to the printer by mid April. The book should be ready for release at our conference on May 11.

Twentieth Annual GES Conference Issues in Grace Fort Worth, Texas May 11-14

The schedule is set and posted online. We really don't have a theme this year. Speakers are free to speak on any grace issue.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for: the spiritual and physical health of the GES staff and their families (Shawn, Mark, Bethany, Bob, Kyle, and Ken); the health of the conference speakers and conferees; the health and finances of our fellow partners (Bill Fiess is facing chemo and later surgery for colorectal cancer); conference registrations and planning over the final few months; GES financial support; our magazine, journal, and special publications; and for the Grace movement.



Letters

"If you only knew how the Lord through Zane and Bob have really helped me. Thank the Lord for you all." ~CS, San Antonio.

"I am completely giddy when I open the mailbox and see your newsletter there!" ~AB, Charlotte.

"Thank-you for the beautiful magazine." ~HM