



# Partners in GRACE



Tony Evans speaking at a plenary session.

## 18th Annual GES Conference April 22-25

We had another good conference. The theme was *Sanctification and Free Grace*. Dr. Elliott Johnson gave an excellent message on how his interactions with his friend Zane Hodges over many decades helped him in his Christian walk. Dr. Tony Evans spoke on "The Process of Spiritual Change." Dr. Jody Dillow spoke on "Messianic Salvation in Romans 10." Dr. John Niemelä gave an outstanding message on John 8:30-32ff. Dr. Steve Lewis spoke on the issue of God's



Shawn and the Muller brothers.

guidance today. Pastor Bob Bryant spoke on the importance of grace in truth in our lives in light of John 1:14. Pastor Jeremy Edmonson gave a terrific message on postmodern inroads into the church today (this was Jeremy's first message). Ken Yates gave a stirring message on church discipline from 1 Corinthians 5.

Our attendance was up again.

We decided that next year's conference will be April 21-24, 2014 and the theme will be "Paul's Epistle to the Romans."

### COMMENTS

"Eyes opened in many areas"  
 "Loved meeting like-minded brothers and sisters"  
 "Loved the free gift drawings!"  
 "Excellent teaching!"  
 "The singing was great!"  
 "Wonderful fellowship!"  
 "I need this conference to continue on"



Sharon and attendees at the Banquet.

## Victor Street Bible Chapel Easter Sunday (March 31)

I spoke on *The Resurrection and Assurance*. In this message I showed from Scripture that the resurrection of Jesus is the ultimate proof that He indeed gives everlasting life to all who believe in Him and that He rewards believers who serve Him in this life. The message was well received by one of the largest crowds Victor Street has had in years. The auditorium was packed and we had to add extra chairs in the back too.

## Fairview (TX) Half Marathon April 6

This was my second half marathon in just 4 months. And I was 7 minutes faster this time (2 hours 45 minutes as compared to 2 hours 52 minutes in December). It was a very windy day, with winds up to 50 MPH. I had a great time racewalking. But I sure was sore the next few days afterwards. Next time I think I'll either train better (my long walk was only 10 miles two weeks before, and this is a 13.1 mile race) or go slower.

It is good to know I can still finish a half. This November I hope to do a marathon again. But if so, I think this will be my first one over 6 hours since it is a difficult course (8 and a half laps of a lake on a jogging trail). I think I'll shoot for under 7 hours.



The congregation at Jansen Bible Church.

## Jansen Bible Church April 12-14

I spoke on *The Pastoral Epistles and Church Ministry*. In four messages (Friday and Saturday nights and twice Sunday morning) I spoke on church government and the meeting of the church, problems facing local churches, everlasting life in the Pastoral Epistles (both as a secure present possession and a possible future reward), and eternal rewards in the Pastorals.

Pastor Paul Carpenter and his wife Carol were again excellent hosts. They and everyone at JBC made me feel right at home.

## 99 Cent Kindle Sale!

At least until June 1, *A Free Grace Primer* by Zane Hodges and *The Ten Most Misunderstood Words in the*

*Bible* by me are on sale for just \$0.99 in the Amazon Kindle store. We put these on sale during the conference and sales have skyrocketed.

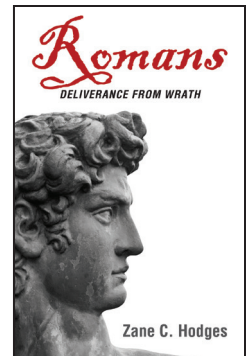
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We plan to add our *New Testament Commentary* to Kindle, selling individual book or groups of shorter books for just 99 cents.

## The Romans Commentary

Yes, it made it to the conference in time. It looks great and was a big hit.

You can order your copy online, by phone, or through Grace in Focus' order form. Its \$24.99.



## Spotlight on your Support

**O**n April 6th we went through our first, and hopefully last, IRS audit. The lady doing the audit was very nice and she gave us a clean bill of health. I thanked her afterwards for how kind she had been. She said that it was very encouraging for her to meet people who are dedicated to helping others. I was moved by her comment. Yes, that is what we do as believers, and as a ministry.

Our support has lagged this fiscal year. However, due to your faithful support over the years, we have been able to draw on some of our reserves.

In April we released Zane's commentary on *Romans*. That too was only possible because of your support. It was a costly undertaking, especially when you consider the cost of buying the copyrights from Kerugma. But y'all underwrote all those costs.

Thank you for your partnership with us. Together we are making a difference for the cause of Christ.

April Budget	\$35,413	
April Revenue	\$12,555	<\$22,858>
YTD Budget	\$354,126	
YTD Revenue	\$252,405	<\$101,721>

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