



# Partners in GRACE



Where's Shawn? And who's the crazy lady doing the wave?



## 21st Annual GES Conference April 25-28

The conference was well attended and the conferees indicated that they got a lot out of it. The theme was John's Gospel: The Gospel of Belief.

Attendance was up about 20%. Next year's dates are April 24-27. Same location. Book now to reserve a room for next year.



"Schedule? What schedule?" ~Ken

attendee who is very pleased with the program content and presenters. God willing I'll be back." "Thanks for a great conference (again)." "I especially liked that there was a real emphasis on love and care." "I liked the times of worship: brief but meaningful." "We loved

Here are some of the comments from the conferees: "Loved the fellowship!" "Thank you for blessing me!!" "First time

lengthy breaks between sessions and finishing by 5PM." "Thanks so much. Press on." "Loved the lightheartedness of Shawn as emcee." "Enjoyed the conference (from Canada)." "Thank you for the emphasis on eternal security." "Loved every moment." "The food was surprisingly good." "Too much food at lunches." "My favorite time of the year." "Everyone is so friendly." "Excellent." "Lots of very good material." "Loved getting to know new people." "Overall great conference." "So grateful for GES's unwavering commitment to the Grace message." "Always love having my love for Christ challenged to grow." "Wonderful conference." "Always an outstanding conference—helps me stay stronger in Free Grace!!" "Sharon!"

## Two Churches Lake Forest, CA April 10

Pastors Fernando Cinco (Church on the Solid Rock) and Freddy Cortez, Jr. (Church of Hope) held a joint service. I spoke on the Parable of the Minas in Luke

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19:11-27. The message was well received. After a pot luck, I fielded questions for around 75 minutes on that and other passages.

This was a great time of fellowship and interaction for Sharon and for me.



The people at Free Grace Bible Church

## Free Grace Bible Church Richardson, TX April 10

Pastor John Brumett asked Shawn to speak while he was away. Shawn spoke twice on the subjects of the five points of Calvinism and Arminianism, explaining why he disagrees with all five points in both camps.

Shawn appreciated the chance to develop and present some of the material from his forthcoming book, *Zero Pointer: Why I Am Neither Calvinist nor Arminian*.

Hardly any rotten eggs were thrown.

## Veritas Evangelical Seminary Irvine, CA April 11-16

Fourteen students, seven for seminary credit and seven for enrichment/audit, took this course which I (Bob) taught. I dealt with 24 passages which seem to indicate discrepancies, mainly in the Gospels. We also discussed books by Norm Geisler and Thomas Howe, Dave Farnell and Robert Thomas, and by Eta Linnemann and articles by Geisler, Osborne, Thomas, Wallace, Licona, Sawyer, me, and others.

We met Monday through Friday nights from 6 to 10 and Saturday from 9 to 4:15. Sharon came each night at the start and often at the end of class. We had a great time getting to know the students and staff.



Hungry minds, open Bibles, at Veritas Seminary

The classroom instruction was part one of the course. Now over the next four months I will grade 14 papers by each student, ten discussing articles they read, three book reviews, and one research paper of 4,000 to 6,000 words. So we, the students and I, still have work to do.



Bob with Ron Rothenberg at ETS

## Regional ETS Conference Dallas Theological Seminary April 1

I (Bob) was able to present a paper on the third servant in the parables of the minas (Luke 19:11-27) and of the talents (Matt 25:14-30). I can't recall giving a message in which I focused primarily on the third servant in each. The message went well. I met some people and introduced them to our magazine.

I enjoyed seeing a number of the DTS professors whom I know. They were very friendly. In addition I was able to go on a tour of a new building and of some of the older buildings that have been remodeled.

I also heard some good messages which will help me in future ministry.