



The congregation at Berean Memorial Bible Church

Gateway United Baptist Denton, TX

The Sunday school is currently going through Genesis. It has been fun researching and seeing all the Messianic significance of that book. Shawn has been collecting notes for a future series of magazine articles on "Finding Jesus in Genesis."

Philippines September

Ken Yates is in the outskirts of the Philippines teaching at a local seminary. He is teaching Romans, using Zane Hodges' recently published commentary as the textbook.

About half of the 15 students are from the Philippines and the others are from various other countries, with one being from Vietnam. The students are pastors in their countries and Ken says that after

a few classes they seem very interested in the grace message. Ken says fortunately they are all able to understand and speak English!

Ken was able to play basketball with the students, which is very big in the Philippines. They play it everywhere. They know all about the Kentucky players playing in the NBA. The students asked if Ken would play with them. It has been literally over 25 years since he played, but he did play on Wednesday night. Two things were obvious. Ken was the oldest guy on the court, and the weakest link on his team.

During the game, one of the students wanted to discuss Zane's commentary on Romans. He said he was understanding Zane's point that Romans is telling Christians how to live, and not how to get to heaven. He said it is so hard to work thru one's tradition. Ken told him that hopefully in class these things will become even clearer for him.



Ken teaching Asian pastors

Ministry in San Antonio, TX September 11-13

Bob and Sharon went to San Antonio and stayed with Tom and Belinda Hailey. Bob spoke on Friday evening and Saturday morning at the home of Frank and Susie



The Shreveporters



Saturday Bible study in San Antonio

Mahan. He evaluated 5-point Calvinism from a number of passages. There was outstanding discussion.

On Sunday he spoke at Parkway Baptist Church in the Sunday School class of Dr. Graham Wilson. His topic was "The Biblical Doctrine of Election." Bob showed that election is to service, not to eternal destiny. The presentation was well received and led to great discussion at the end.

Sharon and Bob had a great time. Special thanks to Tom and Belinda, Frank and Susie, and Graham and LaRue.

Shreveport (LA) Bible Church September 19-20

The next weekend we (Bob and Sharon) were off again in another rental car, this time going east into Louisiana. I have spoken at SBC many times over the last three decades.

The new pastor there is Craig Smith. He asked me to speak on Matt 16:24-28. I revised the message and gave it a new title, "The Discipleship Paradox: To Win You Must Lose." The issue there is that in order to have a full life now and in the life to come the believer must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Christ on the path of obedience, which includes suffering. The message went well.

On Saturday night Sharon and I went out to eat with Craig and Kimberly and another ten people from the church. We had great conversation over supper.



Graham, LaRue, Bob, and Sharon

Berean Memorial Church Irving, TX September 27

I (Bob) spoke on Jas 2:14-17. Pastor Leon Adkins had asked me to speak on that passage and it was a great choice. Lots of people indicated they were helped by it. I showed that the issue is the profitability of our faith in God's Word. Only if applied does it profit us and those around us.

Letters

"I am soaking up a lot of wholesome truth via the material on your website.

"To be totally honest with you Bob, I've had a much similar experience to yours and was well near resigned ever in this life to find any clear teaching of these difficult passages and that's after about 35 years of reading Scripture and all the best authors in Christianity.

"I have spent thousands of dollars on Christian books and videos in what always seemed a vain empty search. That is, until I found your website site while surfing Christian

videos on YouTube.

"Thank you again very much brother for your faithfulness and keen desire to help struggling Christians get on their feet; as I get more understanding, via your resources, I hope also to be helping people here in Australia."

—MS, email