



Free Gracers in the Pacific Northwest!



Portland (OR) Regional Conference May 12-13

This was our first regional in Portland. We met at Multnomah University. I had not been there since 1986-87 when I taught Greek and Bible there. It was great to be back.

Shawn and Abby and I all went to this conference. Abby ran the book table and registration. Shawn and I spoke twice each and served as emcees.

We had a small turnout of about 30 people, but everyone was enthusiastic. Included were Dr. Radmacher's wife, Ruth, son, Tim, and even his nephew. The speakers did a great job including Shawn, Steve Lewis, Joe Lombardi, Brad Congdon, Gary Glenney, and me.

My thanks to Steve Dehner for putting me up Friday night and for putting up Shawn and Abby for three nights.

The audio from this conference on salvation and discipleship should be up on our website by the time you get this.

Victor Street Bible Chapel May 21

I'm nearing the end of my series on Second Peter. I spoke on 2 Pet 3:10-13. In light of the fact that the Lord is soon to return, will soon destroy the heavens and the earth, and usher in His perfect kingdom—"What manner of people should we be?" Prophetic truth should change lives. As we focus on the Lord's soon return, and ultimately on the elimination of all vestiges of sin, our lives are transformed.

In the Lord's Supper meeting we considered other New Testament texts which link prophetic truth with transformation of our lives. We looked at Matt 24:45-51; Gal 6:6-10; and Rev 3:7-13. All were encouraged by the discussion.



Ken, Ken, and Kennedy...Wait, what?

Pray for Speaking at Columbia International University and NTM

In May, Ken met with Ken West and Kennedy Banda at Columbia International University about possible speaking engagements for Ken. Kennedy is a professor at a Bible College in Zambia, Africa. As a result of the meeting Ken is scheduled to teach a class on salvation at the school and speak at a local church in August.

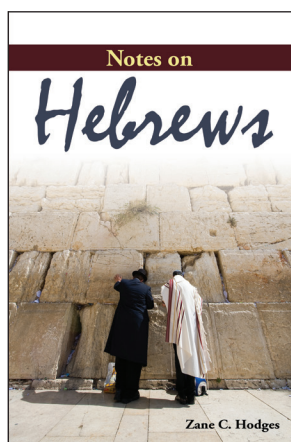
Ken West is on staff of New Tribes Missions and there is a possibility Ken Yates can teach at one of their schools as they train their missionaries. Ken has been in contact with the academic dean at the school in Michigan about doing just that.

Bob's Book on Calvinism

The rough draft of this book was essentially done a year ago. But I put it aside, did some work on it, and put it aside. Now I'm at it again. Hopefully I will get it to where I like it in a month or two. I think it is shaping up as a helpful book. Instead of discussing Calvinism theologically or philosophically, I picked twelve passages and show how each of these passages is a show-stopper for Calvinism.

Summer Books

This summer Shawn will be focusing his energies on putting out several new books, including Bob's Calvinism book (mentioned above), *Chosen to Serve* by Shawn, Zane's *Notes on Hebrews*. Other books in the early stages of production include *Zero*



Pointer: Why I Am Not a Calvinist or an Arminian by Shawn and *Revelation* by Zane.

The 2018 Annual Conference Might Move

The Riley Center has dramatically increased their prices for meeting rooms, hotel rooms, and for food. We are looking into possibly moving elsewhere. We will keep you posted.

Financials

As you can see below, we are under budget. However, we have also under-spent, so our actual YTD shortfall is less than the number in red. Still, it's not great!

While we have reserves to cover shortfalls like this, we have already cut spending. Our new proposed budget for fiscal 2018 (July 2017–June 2018) will be significantly reduced to match actual giving.

However, we are committed to no borrowing and no debt, and we are grateful for your faithful support.

3rd Quarter Financial Report

YTD Budget	\$387,759	
YTD Revenue	\$231,759	(-\$155,484)

Letters

"Bob, I just wanted to say thanks for the illuminating articles that you and Shawn did in the last two issues of *Grace in Focus*. Much helpful clarification." ~ J.T., Memphis, TN.

"I enjoy your articles very much. Keep on teaching God's Word in truth!" ~D.S., Allison, GA.

"Shawn Lazar wrote an excellent article on "A Backloaded Gospel." Much of this is happening today. A good example is when a Baptist pastor told me, "Baptism doesn't save, but if you're saved, you'll be baptized!" ~ K.K., LaCoste, TX.

"I really enjoyed the San Antonio conference." ~ S. C., Brenham, TX.

"Your ministry is like a lighthouse to warn believers from being shipwrecked on the rocks of Calvinism and Arminianism." ~H.L., Ocean Park, WA