



Shreveport Bible Church

## Palabra de Vida Queretaro, Mexico

During the first week of November, Ken Yates was in Queretaro, Mexico. There is a Bible school there called Palabra de Vida (Word of Life).



Students from Palabra de Vida

Ken took part in two of the classes. The picture here is of the class on Romans.

The main teacher is Alonso Angulo, who has been to the GES national conference a couple of times.

Ken was also able to give each student a copy of Zane Hodges' book, *The Gospel Under Siege*, in Spanish. This is a great opportunity to expose future leaders of the church in Latin American countries to Free Grace Theology. It also provides Ken a great opportunity to practice his Spanish. It looks like he will be able to continue doing this on an annual basis.

## Shreveport Bible Church November 5

Shawn and Abby drove to Shreveport Bible Church. It was his third visit to that fellowship. He spoke on the subject of Biblical election. He showed that when God chose an individual to serve Him, He also implicitly chose a group to serve, too. This is true of Jesus and the Church. Jesus is the Chosen One. And God meant for the Son to have a Body, the Church. Through Jesus, God elected the Church. The message was taken from his book *Chosen to Serve*. It was good to see the saints there again. They are currently looking for a Free Grace pastor.



Bob with Drs. Rex Koivisto and James Davis



Bob's group: Hi Al Valdes!

## Evangelical Theological Society Assurance and the Practical Syllogism November 14-16

Bob flew into Boston and took the train over to Providence, Rhode Island. He spoke at the annual meeting of ETS, a group of about 2,500 Bible scholars from around the U.S., Canada, and the rest of the world too.

On Wednesday I spoke on "Assurance and the Practical Syllogism." Puritans thought, and many Calvinists today think, that saving faith is unknowable. Of course, also unknowable for them is whether Christ died for them, whether God is drawing them, whether God elected them, and whether they are eternally secure.

The practical syllogism is the way in which Puritans and Calvinists attempt to find subjective evidence that they have saving faith. The syllogism goes like this:

Major Premise:	True believers do good works.
Minor Premise:	I do good works.
Conclusion:	I am a true believer.

The fly in this ointment is the conclusion does not follow. Buddhists and Hindus and Muslims and even atheists do good works. The presence of good works does not prove that one is a believer in Jesus Christ.

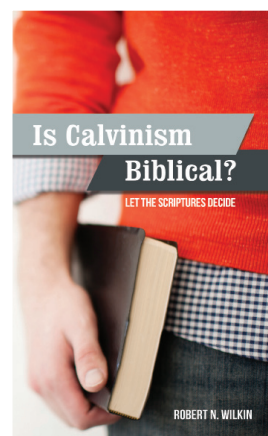
I showed that the solution is to look to Christ, not ourselves, for assurance. He promises everlasting life to whoever believes in Him. I believe in Him. Therefore, I have everlasting life.

I was able to attend a number of good workshops, some of which might work as articles for our journal. I

also saw a lot of friends including Al and Yami Valdez, Elliott John, Charles Huneycutt, Roger Philippe, James Davis, Randy Price, and others. I also enjoyed the breakfast for Zondervan authors.

## Is Calvinism Biblical?

Bob's newest book is out! It is currently available to purchase directly from amazon.com. We expect it to be in-stock in the office by Dec 12.



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