



Bob speaking on God the Father. Watch on YouTube.

25th Annual Conference October 26- 29

It was originally scheduled for May 18-21. Due to Covid-19, it was pushed back. The venue changed from The Hope Center in Plano, TX to Coppell Bible Fellowship.

The last few years we have had around 200 at our conference. With all the lockdowns, we were hoping to have more than 50 and ideally more than 100.

We had 110 on the first three days and 100 on the fourth. In person. Another 30 to 60 watched remotely on YouTube live. But the really encouraging part is



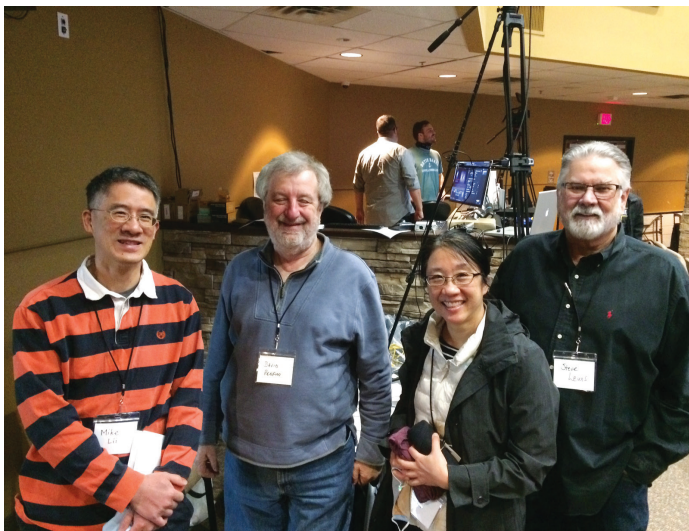
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that all of the main messages and all the workshops in the main room, 19 messages in all, are available at <https://www.youtube.com/user/GESvids/videos>. Each of the messages has been viewed between 150 and 700 times in less than a week. So the total number of people who "attended" this year's conference was well over 300. And we anticipate people continuing to watch these YouTube GES videos for months and years to come.

Here are some of the comments: "Awesome! Great to be here!" "So encouraging." "The Conference exceeded my expectations, especially in light of Covid-19!" "Great experience!" "Excellent—so glad I attended." "Stimulating, stretching, encouraging, at times convicting." "Stimulating and provoking us to love and good deeds!" "Great!" "Mind-blowing. Pure Gold. Revolutionary."



Distanced but full



Mike, David, Letitia, and Steve



Women's sessions were a hit (pictured Kristah Kitchen).

FGA Conference The Woodlands, TX

On October 12-14, Kathryn and I (Ken) attended the Free Grace Alliance National Conference in Houston, TX. This was the first time that either of us had attended it. The theme was "Grace in Community." Their conference is similar to ours in that they have plenary sessions in which everybody attends and then they have "break out" sessions where people can choose from 2 or 3 options. Many people came up to me and commented that they enjoy the GES magazine and blogs. A couple of speakers mentioned GES in a favorable light as well. Specifically, they were glad that we were putting our blogs into Spanish.

In keeping with the theme, a major emphasis was the need for more diversity in our churches. One plenary session was on grace in politics and a few speakers spoke of the need to be open to diverse opinions in the political climate we find ourselves in.

Zoom Ministry

I (Ken) am continuing a study in the book of Hebrews with the staff of the Bible college I teach at in Zambia. We do it through Zoom. We have gone more than half way through the book and we are using my commentary. Lord willing, we are hoping to go next summer to teach in person.

Also through Zoom, I am continuing to lead a study on the Gospel of John. We have arrived at the Upper Room Discourse. It is not a verse-by-verse study, but we discuss verses that impact Free Grace Theology. It started out involving some folks in Spain, but it now

includes people from different countries.

Kathryn is continuing her Zoom study with Free Grace Women. They just completed *Tough Texts*, and will now study Bob's book, *Ten Most Misunderstood Words in the Bible*.

It was great seeing more women doing break out sessions at this year's annual conference. After the conference I (Kathryn) went for the weekend to record six sessions on "Testing Your Testimony" with Kristah Kitchen for the Free Grace women group.



Sarah, Kathryn, Eily, and Kristah

100 Faith-Alone Verses in the Bible

Bob's new book was released at the conference. It is just under 300 pages. Most of the verses are covered in just two pages. Initial response has been good. Our hope is that this book will help many. You can buy it at our website for \$18.

