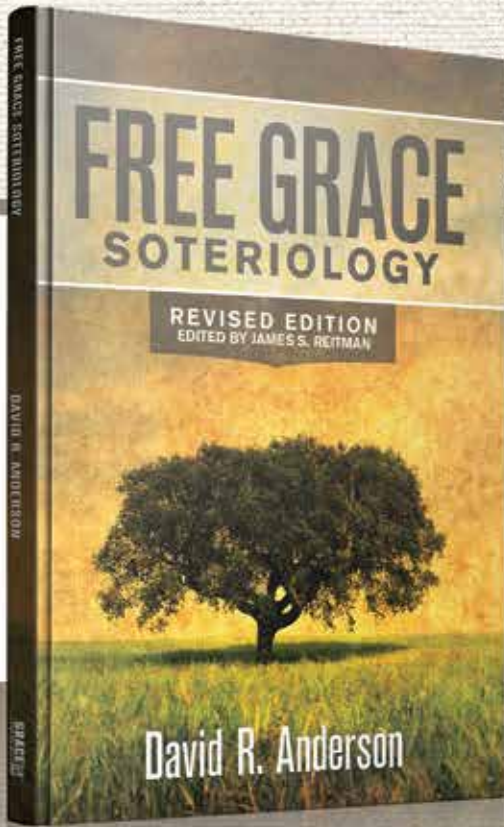
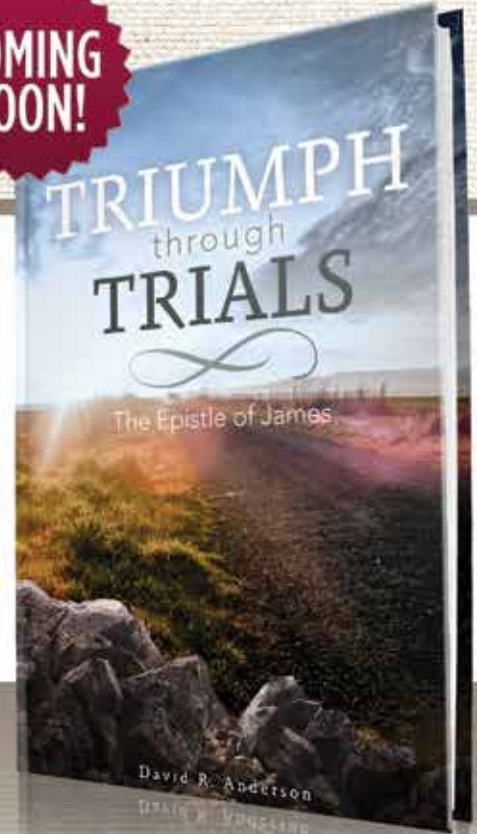


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REACHING THE WORLD

A Presidential Update from Dr. Dave Anderson

OVERWHELMED. That's the word we have heard a lot at Grace School of Theology over the past few months.

Since we were granted full accreditation without conditions on November 6th by TRACS (our accrediting agency),

the opportunities have come pouring in: Haiti, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Germany, Switzerland, Georgia, the Philippines, Bangladesh, and Mexico. Without solicitation on our part, missionaries from America or indigenous church leaders in these countries have reached out to us with a hunger for our theological education.



Obviously, we want to help. So we have a lot of balls up in the air. As we move forward on these opportunities, it will be very exciting to see which ones God will catch. He opens the doors; He gives the blessings. We simply want to be faithful stewards of these opportunities. And I haven't even mentioned the Bible colleges and mission organizations which have expressed a desire to partner with us in training their graduates and reaching the world.

It is our written goal to have at least one student from every country in the world (204) by 2017. It's thinkers who change the world. There are seven

men who rule the world from the grave: Dewey, Darwin, Freud, Kant, Kierkegaard, Marx, and Wellhausen. All thinkers, but mostly - if not all, unbelievers. But we know One who rules the world from out of the grave. His name is Wonderful; His name is Counselor; His name is Mighty God; His name is Eternal Father; His name is Prince of Peace; and His name is Jesus Christ - up from the grave. When we get His thinking into the minds of men and women around the world, the world will change.

You can help us. Our first project is in the former Soviet State of Georgia. We will begin with a pilot distance education course in Tbilisi, Georgia, late this fall. We have students from ten countries ready to start. Some of them merely need to complete a degree begun in Almaty, Kazakhstan, before the government shut their school down. We have a building lined up, and we have two facilitators for our courses.

Want to reap eternal rewards? "He who sows with a view to the flesh, will from the flesh reap corruption. He who sows with a view to the Spirit, will from the Spirit reap eternal life." There are so many ways to sow seeds with eternal value at Grace. We greatly value and thank you for your partnership with us as we take His grace to the ends of the earth!

By His Grace,

Dave Anderson

Dr. Dave Anderson, *President*
Grace School of Theology

WHY I BELIEVE IN GRACE

A Q&A with GILBERT COLLINS



Q: Tell us a little about your life and ministry.

I am a husband and father of four daughters. I've been privileged to serve as the pastor of First Christian Faith Missionary Baptist Church in Port Arthur, TX, since 2008.

Q: How has your experience at Grace transformed you spiritually?

Grace brings out the truth, so you can't help but grow spiritually. I've been able to see beyond snapshots and actually grasp the big picture of the Bible. Having a true understanding of the Bible has shaped and molded me. And the more I learn, God continues to prune off things so I can bear much fruit. I'm making the journey from spiritual dwarf to spiritual giant.

Q: How has your experience at Grace impacted your ministry?

You can graduate from elementary school, high school and even college, but you should never graduate from Sunday School. As a pastor, I feel empowered by what I am learning at Grace. The teaching equips me to expound God's Word even more clearly to my congregation. It also impacts my congregation because when they see that their pastor is committed to keep learning, it's inspiration for them to keep learning.

Q: Why do you believe in the ministry of Grace School of Theology?

When I think about grace, I think of the acronym: "God's Redemption at Christ's Expense." Through His grace, God reached out to us because we couldn't reach out to Him. Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast." Salvation is a gift from God. In the same way, Grace's teaching is a gift. Knowing that people like me are in the trenches of ministry, Grace comes to me and sets the table. I can learn right where I serve. I thank God for His grace and for the ministry of Grace School of Theology.

GRACE CONTINUES ACCREDITATION JOURNEY

After celebrating our accreditation from TRACS (Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools - www.tracs.org), Grace took immediate action to pursue additional accreditation with ATS (The Association of Theological Schools - www.ats.edu).

Grace submitted its initial application and all supporting documentation requested by ATS which will schedule a staff visit soon. Depending on the outcome of the staff visit, the application for Associate Membership could be considered by the ATS Commission on Accrediting during the Annual Meeting in June 2014. If approved for ATS Associate Membership, Grace would then be identified on the ATS website in the Member Schools section with an Associate Membership status. Thereafter, Grace will have up to five years to complete the application process for "Accredited Status."

The Association of Theological Schools is nationally and internationally recognized as one of the oldest and largest accrediting bodies in the United States approved by the Department of Education. This recognition of ATS Associate Membership would be of exceptional value in helping Grace achieve its international and national expansion efforts as directed by the Strategic Plan.

Please join us in praying for God's continued blessings as we pursue our accreditation goals.



SUMMER 2013 COURSE SCHEDULE

Visit gsot.edu/register to register online or call 877.476.8674 for more information.

Code	Course	Instructor	Dates	Times	TW	SW	HC	SA	BT	OL
MODULE 5										
GRADUATE COURSE OFFERINGS										
<i>Mondays</i>										
OT-514	Historical Books	TBD	June 17-August 5	7:00-10:00 pm	X					O
TH-661	Sanctification and Pneumatology	Sapaugh	June 17-August 5	7:00-10:00 pm		X				O
<i>Tuesdays</i>										
TH-566	Christology and Ecclesiology	Wilson	June 18-August 6	7:00-10:00 pm	X					O
TH-560	Hermeneutics	Haywood	June 18-August 6	7:00-10:00 pm		X	X			O
<i>Wednesdays</i>										
NT-540	New Testament Introduction (<i>required for ThM only</i>)	Sapaugh	June 19-August 7	12:00-3:00 pm	X					O
<i>Thursdays</i>										
NT-513	Synoptic Gospels	Wilson	June 13-August 8	12:00-3:00 pm	X					O
RS-503	Research Methods, Writing & Technology	Cox	June 13-August 8	7:00-10:00 pm	X					O
OT-512	The Pentateuch	Haywood	June 13-August 8	7:00-10:00 pm					X	O
OT-516	Wisdom Literature	TBD	June 13-August 8	7:00-10:00 pm				X		O
ONLINE ONLY										
Code	Course	Instructor	Dates							
TH-562	Introduction to Systematic Theology & Bibliology	Hixson	June 17-August 11							
TH-568	Soteriology	Hixson	June 17-August 11							
UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OFFERINGS										
<i>Tuesdays</i>										
TH-310	Principles of Biblical Interpretation	Haywood	June 18-August 6	7:00-10:00 pm		X	X			O
<i>Thursdays</i>										
RS-101	College Skills	Cox	June 13-August 8	7:00-10:00 pm	X					O

CAMPUS & TEACHING SITE LEGEND	
TW	HOUSTON NORTH CAMPUS - 3705 College Park Drive, The Woodlands, Texas 77384
SW	HOUSTON SOUTHWEST TEACHING SITE (GREATER ST. MATTHEW BAPTIST CHURCH) - 14919 South Main, Houston, TX 77053
HC	HITCHCOCK TEACHING SITE (GREATER ST. MATTHEWS BAPTIST CHURCH) - 6333 Highway 6 - Hitchcock, TX 77563
SA	SAN ANTONIO TEACHING SITE (BANDERA ROAD CITY CHURCH) - 9435 Bandera Road (Room #6) - San Antonio, TX 78250
BT	BEAUMONT TEACHING SITE (ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH) - 3920 W. Cardinal Drive - Beaumont, TX 77705
OL	ONLINE
Notes:	All courses are one module and worth 3 credits unless otherwise noted. Biblical language classes are one semester. Schedule is subject to change without prior notice. Students must take less than 50% of their program at any teaching site; the remainder may be completed at the main campus (North and SW), online, streaming video (synchronous or asynchronous/archived), or any combination thereof.

DELIVERY METHODS	
X	Professor is physically teaching from this location.
X	Live interactive video conference. Professor not present.
O	Remote online streaming (<i>real-time or archived viewing</i>)
REGISTRATION DATES	
Open Registration	April 8-May 17
Late Registration	May 20-24 (Fee Applies for Returning Students Only)

Celebrating Life

Brad Eaton passed quietly into glory December 20, 2012, after a long and painful struggle with cancer. Brad served faithfully on our Board of Advisors as a Charter Member, and he was passionate about the strategic vision and ministry of Grace.

We are thankful for Brad's sacrificial service and generosity to the seminary and for the memorial donations received because of Brad's planning before his graduation to glory.



Brad (center) pictured at 2010 Grace Banquet with his mom, Starley Eaton, and wife, Rosie. Starley and Rosie are students at Grace.

Brad exemplified these verses: "Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed." (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

You can also sow into Grace's ministry by planning a gift through your will or living trust. This enables you to provide a legacy of support for Grace and its ministry here and around the world.

For more information, contact Rafael Paez, Director of Major Gifts, at 713.897.8292.

WELCOME NEW FACULTY



Greg Sapaugh, PhD, joined Grace's full-time faculty on April 1st as Associate Professor of New Testament Studies. Dr. Sapaugh received his ThM and PhD in New Testament Studies from Dallas Theological Seminary. He served in pastoral ministry for four years as well as serving for nearly ten years as an Adjunct Instructor at The College of Biblical Studies in Houston. He has been published in numerous periodicals as well as *The Grace New Testament Commentary*. Join us in welcoming Dr. Sapaugh to the Grace team!

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PARTNERS IN GRACE: Ministry Report

Paez Joins Advancement Team



We are pleased to welcome Rafael Paez to the Grace staff as Director of Major Gifts. Before joining Grace, Rafael served as a highly successful and sought-after senior recruiter in the oil and gas industry.

Like so many on the Grace team, Rafael is sacrificing his lucrative secular career to labor full time in ministry with Grace.

In addition to his ten years of experience in the public sector, Rafael also serves faithfully as the Preaching Pastor at The Open Door in Houston, and he has been enrolled as a part-time credit student at Grace since January 2011.

"I have benefitted so much from my time as a Grace student, so I'm excited to be able to give back to this vital ministry. I look forward to building relationships with our faithful partners and with potential investors so we can work together to grow God's kingdom."

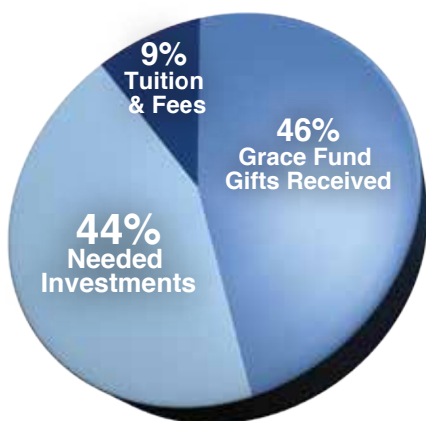
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The Grace Fund is our \$2.5 million annual initiative to support vital aspects of the seminary including student scholarships, campus maintenance and improvements, updated technology, and strengthened academic programs. Unrestricted gifts from alumni, partners and friends to the Grace Fund provide valuable opportunities for students and support the fundamental operations of the seminary each year. Making unrestricted gifts to Grace makes a significant difference in the lives of students and impacts the world for Christ.

WANTED: MONTHLY INVESTORS

To increase ministry focus and impact by maximizing financial stability, we are diligently looking for partners to invest monthly in our strategic ministry. We are asking the Lord to provide a team of 1,000 ministry partners investing \$100 or more per month via unrestricted gifts to the Grace Fund. This will provide \$100,000 per month or more of stable monthly income. So far, we have 23 of these monthly investors. Join the team!

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2012-2013 YEAR-TO-DATE		ACTUAL	BUDGET
TUITION & FEES	Received YTD:	\$220,252	TOTAL: \$256,626
	Remaining Expected:	\$36,374	
GRACE FUND GIFTS	Received YTD:	\$1,261,365	TOTAL: \$2,471,194
	NEEDED INVESTMENTS:	\$1,209,829	
OPERATING EXPENSES	Ministry Budget for July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013		TOTAL: \$2,727,820

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