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Grace President Dave Anderson shares a powerful message about our global vision at the "Friends of Grace" Banquet



A SEMINARY TO THE WORLD

# GRACE: To the Ends of the Earth



I write these words from the beautiful countryside of Germany. We have just verbally agreed to a partnership with Bibelschule Brake in Lemgo, Germany, the oldest evangelical Bible college in

Continental Europe. They offer a bachelor's degree but have no graduate school. They are very eager to offer master's degrees, and at some point, doctoral degrees. And that's what we do.

Last month we arranged a partnership with a former Bible school and seminary in San Juan, Puerto Rico. They already have facilities and a library ready to go, and we should have students enrolling for this spring. We expect about twenty-five new students a year in Puerto Rico. Next is the Philippines. We will be visiting there this summer to establish a similar partnership with Baptist Bible College Asia. They have approximately 1200 undergraduate students right now but no graduate school. With a graduate school in place there in Manila, we can reach students from all over Asia, especially with the oversight of the Bob Tebow Evanglistic Association. As you probably know, Bob is one of our board members, and his association sees over 2,000,000 professions of faith each year.

We anticipate that each of the above will be a teaching site that has the potential to become a branch campus. These sites will offer face-to-face teaching as well as online. But with our new partnership recently established with BEE World and their Internet Biblical Seminary, we will be offering the only graduate courses



from an accredited school to over 5,000 students already enrolled from 135 countries.

Remember, our goal by 2017 is to have students from all the countries of the world. We could be over halfway there within a couple of years. We know of no other accredited seminary that is aggressively seeking to reach out to every country of the world. Ten years ago the technology simply wasn't there to do this. Today it is. God has opened a window.

Needless to say, these are exciting times for our school, none of which would be possible without your faithful support. In this holiday season, I wish to extend a special thanks for all of you who have prayed and given either time, talents, or money this past year. With your generosity, we again finished our fiscal year in the black. We thank you and wir loben unser grosse und wunderbar Gott (we praise our great and wonderful God)!

May He bless you this holiday season!

Dr. Dave Anderson, President Grace School of Theology

## HIS GRACE IS SUFFICIENT

### by Peter Oh, PhD

Grace's New Graduate Dean & Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Languages



When Paul prayed for the removal of a thorn in his flesh, God answered him "My saving, grace sufficient for you, for my is perfected power in weakness..." (2 Cor. 12:9a). Through this response, Paul learns that God's divine grace is sufficient to change his perspective on personal weaknesses. He then boasts about his weaknesses rather

than asking for their removal, knowing that the power of Christ that was expressed by God's grace would become more evident through weakness.

Like Paul, I believe the power of divine grace not only saves us, but also sustains us for the rest of our lives. It keeps us strong in our faith despite our weaknesses. This truth of divine grace must be emphasized and exercised to the world by all means. That's why I am proud to be part of Grace's efforts to advance the vision of free grace. I am impressed with Grace's adoption of core values, which I believe are essential in fulfilling the mission and vision of Grace School of Theology. I find that these core values reflect the following three imperatives on grace.

First, grace must be emphasized because the world is in dire need of a true understanding of God's grace. This is a truth that the church has struggled with since its inception. Grace as God's unmerited favor towards the sinner was the very reason for Jesus' first coming. But by extending and editing the law, Pharisees confronted Jesus using the law in order to promote legalism. Instead of letting the Bible speak for Itself, legalistic church leaders also tweak the Word of God to promote their own agenda. The result is hopelessness. The only antidote for the venom of legalism is the grace of God as revealed through His Son, Jesus Christ. I am glad to see that Grace School of Theology emphasizes grace by teaching the biblical truth as it is written. A sound biblical education is essential to prevent legalism in our

churches since it is only the knowledge of God's truth that sets the sinful man free (John 8:23). In this respect, the emphasis on grace is also an emphasis on literal hermeneutics.

The second imperative on grace is to commit ourselves to excellence. Grace expects excellence on our part. Since God gave His best, His only Son, He also expects the best from us. On the recipient's standpoint, grace is absolutely free, but it took Christ His own life to make that possible. Paul sheds light on the meaning of Christian excellence in Colossian 3:22, "Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men." Commitment to excellence in teaching Christ and empowering students for Christian service is one of the core values that I share with Grace. What does it mean to seek excellence as a seminary? It means that we let God intervene in all phases of training future Christian leaders.

Lastly, grace must be exercised. Charles Swindoll said it well, "Grace received but unexpressed is dead grace" (Grace Awakening, 2). It is much easier to talk about grace and analyze the relevant biblical texts than it is to practice it. I am grateful to see that Grace not only emphasizes free grace theology but also aggressively and creatively engages in applying its core principles. One such example is Grace's initiative in establishing numerous teaching sites in Texas and throughout the world where there are no Bible-centered seminaries or financial resources available for aspiring Bible students.

The unmerited favor of God impels us to put our priority on the power of Christ that sets men free from the bondage of sin. Grace must be proclaimed and practiced to the best of our God-given ability. These are the mandates that I believe reflect the core values of Grace School of Theology. I am grateful to be a part of God's work at Grace, and may He continue to bless this vision to equip disciples around the world with His grace.



#### **SPRING 2014 UNDERGRADUATE COURSE SCHEDULE**

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

Code	Course	Instructor	Module	Dates	Times	TW	sw	нс	SA	ML	вт	OL
	Tuesdays											
BI-309	Poetic Books	Haywood	3	January 14-March 4	7:00-10:00 pm		x				х	0
TH-310	Principles of Biblical Interpretation (in Spanish)	Serrato	3	January 14-March 4	4:00-7:00 pm	x						0
Bi-303	Pentateuch	Thayer	3	January 14-March 4	7:00-10:00 pm					x		
BI-340	The Life of Christ	Haywood	4	March 18-May 6	7:00-10:00 pm		х				х	0
TH-320	Doctrine of the Bible (in Spanish)	Serrato	4	March 18-May 6	4:00-7:00 pm	х						0
TH-310	Principles of Biblical Interpretation	Sapaugh	4	March 18-May 6	7:00-10:00 pm	х						0
TH-300	The Life of the Believer	Thayer	4	March 18-May 6	7:00-10:00 pm					x		
			Wednes	days								
MS-312	Ministry Stewardship	Letting/ Kruppstadt	3-4	January 15-May 7	12:00-1:30 pm	х						0
			Thursd	lays								
BI-344	Romans	Haywood	3	January 16-March 6	7:00-10:00 pm			х				o
BI-342	Pauline Epistles (less Romans)	Saathoff	3	January 16-March 6	7:00-10:00 pm				x			0
TH-410	Doctrine 2 - Man, Sin, Salvation	Haywood	4	March 20-May 8	7:00-10:00 pm			x				0
Bi-346	General Epistles	Saathoff	4	March 20-May 8	7:00-10:00 pm				x			o
RS-210	Research Writing & Technology	Cox	4	March 20-May 8	7:00-10:00 pm	х						o
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TW	MAIN CAMPUS: HOUSTON NORTH - 3705 College Park Drive - The Woodlands, Texas 77384						
sw	MAIN CAMPUS: HOUSTON SOUTHWEST (GREATER ST. MATTHEW BAPTIST CHURCH) - 14919 South Main - Houston, TX 77053						
нс	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						
ML	MIDLAND TEACHING SITE (TRUE-LITE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP) - 3001 North A Street - Midland, TX 79705						
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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 a main campus (TW and/or SW), online, streaming video (synchronous or asynchronous/archived), or any combination thereof.						

DELIVERY METHODS							
х	Professor is physically teaching from this location.						
X	Live interactive video conference. Professor not present.						
0	Remote online streaming (real-time or archived viewing)						

REGISTRATION DATES						
Open Registration	November 4-December 13					
Late Registration	December 14-December 27 (Fee Applies for Returning Students Only)					



#### **SPRING 2014 GRADUATE COURSE SCHEDULE**

Students accepted after DECEMBER 2 may register Module 4 ur MARCH 7	SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY	SPRING 2014 GRADUATE COURSE SCHEDULE Visit gsot.edu/register to register online or call 877.476.8674 for more information.									
Code	Course	Instructor	Module	Dates	Times	TW	sw	SA	ML	вт	OL
	Intensive										
TH-563	Basics of Free Grace Theology	Wilson		January 3-January 10	7:00-10:00 pm	х					0
		ı	Mondays								
OT-618	Major Prophets	Oh	3	January 13-March 10	7:00-10:00 pm		х				0
MS-550	Spiritual Life	Wilson	3	January 13-March 10	7:00-10:00 pm	х					0
TH-568	Soteriology	Moody	3	January 13-March 10	7:00-10:00 pm					x	0
NT-774	Elementary Greek 2	Sapaugh	3-4	January 13-May 12	7:00-10:00 pm	x					0
OT-620	Minor Prophets	Oh	4	March 24-May 12	7:00-10:00 pm		х				0
TH-661	Sanctification and Pneumatology	Moody	4	March 24-May 12	7:00-10:00 pm					x	О
		1	Tuesdays								
TH-560	Hermeneutics (in Spanish)	Serrato	3	January 14-March 4	4:00-7:00 pm	x					О
NT-540	New Testament Introduction	Sapaugh	3	January 14-March 4	7:00-10:00 pm	x					0
TH-562	Introduction to Systematic Theology & Bibliology	Anderson	3	January 14-March 4	7:00-10:00 pm	x			х		0
TH-562	Intro. to Systematic Theology & Bibliology (in Spanish)	Serrato	4	March 18-May 6	4:00-7:00 pm	x					0
TH-564	Theology Proper	Anderson	4	March 18-May 6	7:00-10:00 pm	x			х		0
TH-560	Hermeneutics	Sapaugh	4	March 18-May 6	7:00-10:00 pm	x					0
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MS-761	Ministry Stewardship	Letting/Kruppstadt	3-4	January 15-May 7	12:00-1:30 pm	х					0
OT-877	Intermediate Hebrew 2	Oh	3-4	January 15-May 7	2:00-5:00 pm	х					0
MS-870	Church Planting Principles and Practice	Wall	3-4	January 15-May 7	7:00-10:00 pm	х					0
OT-773	Elementary Hebrew 2	Oh	3-4	January 15-May 7	7:00-10:00 pm	х					0
Thursdays											
TH-566	Christology/Ecclesiology	Wilson	3	January 16-March 6	7:00-10:00 pm	х					О
NT-515	Acts, Pauline Epistles	Saathoff	3	January 16-March 6	7:00-10:00 pm			х			0
RS-503	Research Methods, Writing & Technology	Cox	4	March 20-May 8	7:00-10:00 pm	х					0
NT-517	General Epistles	Saathoff	4	March 20-May 8	7:00-10:00 pm			х			О
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# A YEAR OF BLESSINGS

### Celebrating God's Work through Grace in 2013



President George W. Bush (John C. Morgan) delivers a fun and inspiring message at the Friends of Grace Banquet, which had a record attendance of 425 people.



President Dave Anderson on location in Germany where we have recently formed a partnership with Bibelschule Brake, the oldest evangelical Bible college in Continental Europe. Partnerships like this are enabling Grace to fulfill our goal to have a student in every country by 2017.



Grace celebrated a record number of graduates in May as well as a record enrollment of graduate students this fall. In addition, Grace was able to add three full-time faculty members, and plans are underway to open a new teaching site in the Austin area to equip local Hispanic pastors.

### PARTNERS IN GRACE: Ministry Report

### CELEBRATING LIFE

TRUSTEE JOHN SUSTEK
1944-2013



After a long battle with cancer, Grace Trustee John Sustek passed quietly into glory on July 10, 2013, but we continue to celebrate the fruit of the foundational work he did for our recent Friends of Grace Banquet.

We sorely miss "Joy Boy Johnny," but his legacy inspires us to forge ahead with the strategic ministry he dearly

loved and served up to his last moments of consciousness.

We are also incredibly grateful for Dian Sustek, John's wife and ministry partner, who continues to invest her energy and efforts into the ministry of Grace, including her service as the Friends of Grace banquet chairperson.

Thank you also to the many donors who gave memorial gifts to Grace in honor and celebration of John's life.

#### **WELCOME NEW STAFF:**

We are excited to see God growing our ministry team at Grace. We are pleased to welcome Alyssa Himebaugh in the role of Financial Aid Coordinator, Karen Nix as Advancement Services Coordinator, Clint Dixon as Information Technology and Facilities Coordinator, Ralene Berry as Bursar and Academic Affairs Coordinator, and Judy Traweek as Assistant Librarian. Join us in celebrating these additions!

#### **NEW LOGO:**

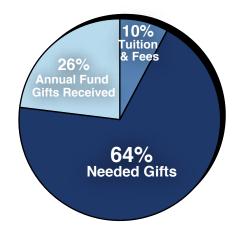
After a diligent design process, we are excited to implement a new logo that reflects our commitment to share the free grace gospel (the Water of Life) and to impact the world (the ripple effect) by

equipping biblically-trained disciples.

#### **BECOME A MONTHLY INVESTOR:**

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. Would you prayerfully consider joining the team?

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2013-2014 YE	ACTUAL	BUDGET	
TUITION & FEEC	Received YTD:	\$103,463	TOTAL:
TUITION & FEES	Remaining Expected:	\$250,739	\$354,202
ANNUAL FUND GIFTS	Received YTD:	\$821,665	TOTAL:
	CURRENT NEED:	\$2,790,044	
OPERATING EXPENSES	Ministry Budget for J through June 30	<b>TOTAL:</b> \$3,144,246	



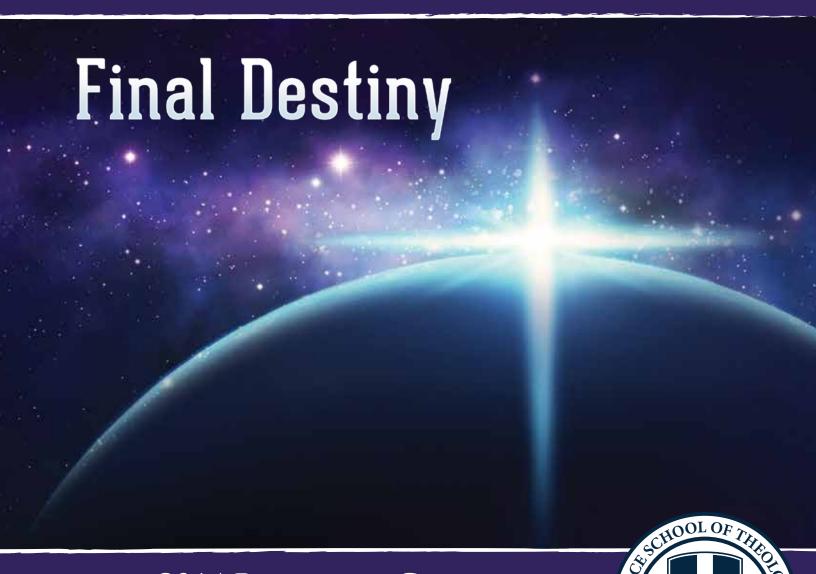
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