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Developing spiritual leaders to go, teach, and make disciples of all nations

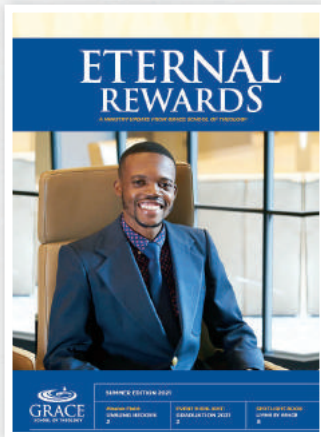


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Ephesien Vincent, one of the
recipients of the Discipleship award.
He is also the first Haitian
graduate of Grace.



Scan the QR code and watch
this interview with Ephesien Vincent

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Unsung Heroes in the Discipleship Program

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"Building healthy biblical relationships in the midst of an academic pursuit is critical for holistic preparation of each student to be successful in life and ministry."

What is an Unsung Hero? These are people who are not looking for notoriety, rather, they do the work that enables something great to be achieved with diligence and passion. Then, they humbly walk away from their time as a leader with no spotlight shining on them.

Ed Catmull, the co-founder of Pixar Animation Studios, summarizes successful leadership with this statement: "Leadership is about setting the stage, not being on it." That's true servant leadership. These Unsung Heroes are the student leaders who serve and lead selflessly.

Jesus' last words on earth are called the Great Commission. His Commission is our mission. He is straightforward and simple—to make disciples. At Grace School of Theology, Jesus' words have always been a priority. We want to help each student experience discipleship and know how to disciple by the time of graduation. The groundwork for the discipleship of students has been laid through the years.

This unique discipleship experience complements the academic studies and surrounds students with other like-minded Christ-followers who spur one another toward spiritual growth alongside academic progress. From Grace's beginning, the objective has been and remains to be training the mind in the classroom and shaping the personal and ministry life through discipleship.

Discipleship Program Leaders

God has done great things through our Grace Discipleship Program. The Unsung Heroes are the student leaders who volunteered to serve and lead selflessly. Here are some Discipleship Group leaders expressing how the Student Discipleship Program impacted their lives and ministry.



Danny Morel, MABS, Dominican Republic

"Being a discipleship group leader has been a great blessing in my life. Sharing the Word with my brothers in Christ brought out a lot of learning. Because of their first-hand experience in being disciplined, I have seen that many in my group have been motivated to continue the vision of implementing discipleship programs in their churches. I thank God for the opportunity to be a student discipleship leader at Grace."



Allen Mann, BABS, USA

"Being a group leader has strengthened and honed my communication and leadership skills. As a pastor, I tend to do all of the talking and very little listening. Being a group leader has helped me to slow down and listen, taking notes on each person, and then praying for them in private each week. It helps me to remember these individuals on a more personal level, rather than just seeing a face on the screen. Student Discipleship Groups have helped take the focus off of "me" and have turned my thoughts toward others and their needs. Being a group leader for GRACE discipleship groups has been a many-faceted blessing, and I salute the many heroes who joined me in encouraging fellow students!"



Shay Williams, AABS & BABS, USA

"The beautiful thing about leading a discipleship group for me is the impact it has on others. Discipleship is an investment in the life of another. Sometimes the return is somewhere down the road but sometimes it's right on the spot. I have witnessed how prayers and words of encouragement can transform someone entering the meeting discouraged, upset, frustrated, and overwhelmed into someone leaving that very same meeting uplifted that is worth the sacrifice of leading a group."



Do you have inspiring stories, testimonies, poems, or any work of art? Submit them and see your works published.

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Congratulations Class of 2021!

Gilbert Collins, BABS, USA

"The Ethiopian is reading from the book of Isaiah and asked Philip who Isaiah is talking about, is it himself or is it another? And the Bible said that Philip preached to him about Jesus Christ. I stand today to tell you, Grace graduates of 2021, that Grace School of Theology, our president and faculty, are committed to teaching us mainly about Jesus Christ. As a theology school, how do they differ in teaching theology and Jesus? You can read a book on atomic fission, but Jesus is like watching the bomb go off. You can read a textbook on electrical engineering, but Jesus is like sticking your finger into a light socket.

"Now, they will teach you theology. They will teach you angiology, anthropology, bibliology, Christology, ecclesiology, and eschatology. They will teach you pneumatology, soteriology, and theology proper. They also want to teach you about Jesus. Because Grace School of Theology knows that Jesus is the pinnacle, the apex, the summit, the mountain top, it's all about Him."



Scan the QR code and watch this inspiring sermonette by Pastor Gilbert Collins (BABS, USA)



Meet the Alumni Association board:

The Grace School of Theology Alumni Association aims to be an avenue to create lasting relationships among Grace students, staff, faculty, and alumni. As a family that loves and supports each other and the school's mission, the Alumni Association creates initiatives to directly support life-long learning and the advancement of the Gospel.



Merritt Johnston
Master of Divinity
2018

Merritt Johnston is a God-fearing disciple, wife, minister, mother, writer, podcaster, and prayer warrior. She's also the first female Master of Divinity graduate of Grace of School of Theology. Currently, she is the Director of Communications and Media for Baptist World Alliance and an Adjunct Professor at Grace.



Gusta Booker III
Master of Ministry
2017

Rev. Gusta Booker III values the church's involvement in the community. With this commitment, he pursued avenues for his church, Greater St. Matthew Baptist Church, to develop a ministry relationship with a school near the church. After meeting with Principal Hare of Bastian Elementary, the church can follow through with its commitment to Christ-like service and empowering the youth.



Erick Hoskin
Master of Arts in Biblical Studies
2015

Pastor Erick Hoskin is a founder and senior pastor of the Word of God Christian Fellowship Church in Texas. His Grace School of Theology experience has been instrumental in his ability to provide holistic, Bible-rooted leadership to people. His Grace education enabled him to establish and grow his church. The Word of God Church currently has thriving ministries in marriage, young people, health and wellness, and finance.



John Dillon
Master of Ministry
2016
Currently pursuing MDiv

John Dillon's time with Grace made him realize that students should still connect and help each other in their ministries even after they graduate. Students should embody Christ's intentional love to build transformative relationships with His disciples and not simply transfer knowledge. "When you graduate, you're not kicked out of the family. You are still part of the family. The school should be our family going forward."



ALUMNI SERIES
God's Amazing Grace

God's amazing grace is what saved, sustained, and blessed us to do ministry. This same grace is what keeps us going to the call that God has placed in each of our lives.

We are prayerfully making additional plans regarding fellowship and discipleship opportunities, and we value your input to help guide that process

Kindly visit www.gsot.edu/alumni-association to share your insights, update your information, and get the latest updates on Grace's Alumni Association.

Scan the code and be encouraged by the Word preached by our exemplary Alumni Association board members.





Anyone interested in growing deeper in the Word of God can enroll. Whether you are a pastor, minister, Sunday School teacher, lay worker, Bible scholar, or you're just looking for biblical teaching to help you in your spiritual life, you will find something to stretch your knowledge of God's Word on Grace On Demand.

974 students 1450 enrollments



95.12% of survey respondents agree that the instructors were effective lecturers in the courses



76.92% of survey respondents answered having a significant change in knowledge after the Trial by Fire Course



95.93% of survey respondents agree that presentations were clear and helpful



What Our Students Say

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Thank you for these short courses to enjoy at no charge. They provide great value to my life and ministry.

Grace of God Student

I love the interview method of this course presentation. The great backdrop, props, and music that set the atmosphere for the course. Love the short modules. Much better than lecture style. **Trial by Fire Student**

I am grateful for the excellent no charge offerings to share with others so we can engage in discussions on how salvation is faith alone in Christ alone. I have taken GSOT classes for credit and continue to value and appreciated the ministry and perspectives. **Grace of God Student**

The lectures were great and the instructor answers the questions from students. **Grace of God Student**

It is helpful to me as a church leader and elder, It gives me a vision on how to lead a church toward Christ. **Servant Leadership Student**

I love it! It's life-changing! **No Greater Pursuit Student**

The video content flowed well and the topics discussed were thought provoking and helpful. **Servant Leadership Student**

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Grow further in your spiritual journey

Grace Center for Spiritual Development provides a variety of exciting ways for you to engage with God's Word and be trained and equipped to be a spiritual leader in your sphere of influence.

What Our Students Say



Saving Grace Podcast Episode 109: Grace – Gospel by Carmen Pate and Scot Pollok

Hearing the first message in that series encouraged me in a radical way! I remember walking an extra few blocks to finish the message and found myself weeping a number of times. **Jared Haynes**



Systematic Theology Webinar

Thoroughly enjoyed and learned from the webinar. My husband and I are signing up for the lecture certificate course. **thehouseatlakebetty**



The Great Shepherd Bible Study

Truly a blessing to partake in this bible study online. I am going to start it over to listen again because there is a full meal of wisdom, knowledge, and grace in this study. **Cheryl Carter**



Ministerio Basico (BASIC Ministry)

Excelente clase- no puedo esperar usarlo. Excellent class- can't wait to use it. **Carlos Rodriguez**



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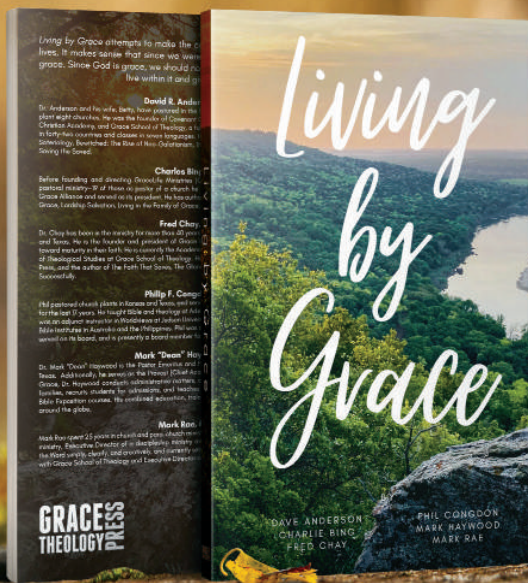


Dr. Dave Anderson
Founder and President
Grace School of Theology

I first got to know Dr. Ron Allen as my Sunday School teacher at Scofield Memorial Church in Dallas, Texas. I was the Youth Director there while attending Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS), Ron was a doctoral student at the same. I quickly realized this was not your average Sunday School teacher. In fact, I learned more about the Minor Prophets from Ron's teaching in Sunday School than I did in my classes at seminary. An unusually gifted man, Dr. Allen was not only the best Old Testament (OT) student in his class, but he also won the preaching award the year he graduated.

After seminary, Ron was hired by Western Conservative Baptist Seminary (just Western Seminary today) in Portland, OR, to head up their OT department, which he did for twenty-five years. He spent the next twenty-five years in the English Bible department at DTS. While I was working on my dissertation on Psalm 110, I thought I would drop by Ron's office to get his insights into a couple of questions I had about the psalm. I'd ask a question, and he would just gaze off into the distance and pour out an answer. Apparently, he had the psalm memorized. I mentioned, "It would seem you have given this psalm some thought." "Once or twice," came his humble answer.

Yes, Dr. Allen is a scholar, but unlike many scholars, he is a great communicator. On top of all that, he is humble. We are privileged to have Dr. Ron Allen teaching courses for us after his retirement from DTS. He is a strong proponent of free grace and dispensationalism.



Living by Grace

Living by Grace attempts to make a case for grace in every corner of our lives. It makes sense that since we were saved by grace, we should live by grace. Since God is grace, we should not only experience His grace but also live within it and give it to others. Our hope is that your heart will be overwhelmed by the goodness of God and His grace to you. Our desire is that you will be more equipped and encouraged to manifest the grace of God in your life.

Culture can be challenging to navigate and negotiate. People can be confounding with all of their uniqueness. Life can be confusing. But in all of its confrontations and considerations, grace is the cure to living in a lost and dying world, and in living with each other. The Grace of God has been granted from the garden of Eden to the garden of Gethsemane and to all of us. It's only natural then that we live by grace.

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