



As someone said, "Over time, this feels less like going to a GES conference, and more like going to a family reunion."

22nd Annual GES Conference April 24-27

The theme this year was eschatology, the last days. We had lots of great messages. It was truly an eye-opening conference.

Attendance was about the same as last year. The conferees were very enthusiastic. Next year's dates are April 23-26. Same location. The theme will be "Evangelism and Discipleship."

Here are some of the comments from the conferees: "Spot on!" "Full of hope + GRACE!" "Wonderful!" "Great." "Thoroughly enjoyed it." "Excellent." "Great topic." "Best ever!" "Outstanding!!!" "AWESOME!" "Wonderful!" "Timely, pertinent, focused." "An amazing time of teaching and fellowship." "Wonderful time of strengthening and challenge." "I learned more than I expected." "One of the best." "Very useful and enjoyable." "Highlight of the year for us!" "As a first timer, it was excellent." "I learned more about the end times in

these few days than I have in the last 10+ years." "I feel more motivated than ever to live according to God's Word and to know Him more." "Great fellowship." "Terrific conference + Unbelievable resources + Lots of Fellowship + Irresistible arguments for grace + Practical Application." "I felt a renewed joy in my salvation."

If you plan on coming, we recommend that you reserve a room at the Riley Center. The fellowship during conference hours is outstanding, but the fellowship outside of conference hours is deeper. People eat out together, or sit in the lobby and talk until the wee hours, and renew friendships year after year.

Inglesia Bautista Las Naciones Dallas, TX April 14

On Good Friday evening I spoke at a Spanish-speaking church (with people from all over the Spanish-speaking world) in Dallas. Pastor Israel Logan invited



Many great plenary sessions this year.

me to speak and acted as my translator.

At Israel's encouragement I spoke on Acts 16:11-34, dealing with two people who came to faith in Christ in Philippi—Lydia, a religious woman, and the Philippian jailer, an irreligious man. I emphasized v 31, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved."

The message was well received. Then we had a 20 minute break for refreshments, followed by a little over an hour of question and answer. The questions were really tough. One after another of the most difficult questions I could imagine. I went home with the good kind of tired.

My thanks to Israel and his elders and the whole church. They were very encouraging.



The good folk at Believers Bible Church

Believers Bible Church Corsicana, TX April 30

I (Shawn) was invited by Pastor Steve Elkins to preach at Believers Bible Church. I spoke on 2 Cor 5:7, explaining what it meant to walk by faith, not by sight.

I really enjoyed the intimate setting, the worship, and the fellowship. And I think the people were edified by the message! We had a catered church lunch afterwards. They had a good children's program for Daphne, Zane, and Scout.

If you're in the area, I would highly recommend visiting that church.

Books Released at the Conference

Four new books are now available through the faithalone.org and amazon.com (paper and Kindle) of, *Beyond Doubt: How to Be Sure of Your Salvation* by Shawn, *First Peter: The Salvation of the Soul* by Zane; *Tough Texts: Did Jesus Teach Salvation by Works?* by Zane and Bob; and *Spiritual Lessons from the Life of David* by Zane.



Dean and Pat Thompson

Notes and Letters

Great Q&A regarding Luke 15 in March-April *Grace in Focus Magazine* (p. 47). Ken Yates nailed it. Great question and a typical Ken Yates response. It helped me clarify and put these ideas in the margins of my own Bible notes. Thank you!

—SG, email

I've watched videos of Bob on YouTube. They are excellent. Thank you again for your books and all the videos on YouTube. I'm learning so much from folks like you. People like me need people like you to continue to teach a free grace understanding of Scripture. The Bible is hard. We need your help.

—CC, letter