



The Los Angeles Regional. Did Ken hurt his back?

**Southern California Regional Conference
BIOLA University
La Mirada, California
March 16-17**

Ken, Shawn, and Bob all flew to Southern California for our first regional there in over a decade. The theme was *Is Calvinism Biblical?* Speakers included Ken, Shawn, Bob, and Brad Duskocil (GES Board Chairman), George Bryson (author and speaker), and Chris Clark (Pastor).

We had between 40 and 50 on Friday night and 30 to 40 on Saturday. Everyone was very enthusiastic about the conference.

The audio from the conference should be available at our website soon.

Ken flew out a day earlier because of the time change between California and South Carolina. He was picked up at LAX by Michael Kramer and his son. They took him to their home and graciously put him up for the night and took him to the conference the next day. The food was great at their home and Ken enjoyed getting to

know the whole family. The whole family attended the conference (see picture, second row).

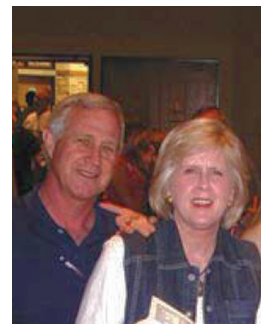
Thank you for making it possible for us to do this. Our cost was a bit over \$2,500 for this free conference. We had donations and sales totaling a few hundred dollars. Without your partnership, we could not put on conferences that are spiritually, but not financially, profitable.

**Bob Swift Departs from This Life
March 18**

Longtime friend of Bob and Sharon Wilkin and GES, Bob Swift, died peacefully at home on Sunday, March 18, after battling pneumonia for 13 years and then recently having a series of strokes.

Bob Swift had been a speaker at the GES national conference and he had written two book reviews and one journal article (on salvation in Philippians) for our journal.

He also wrote for DTS's journal, *BibSac*. What a godly





Teaching grace in Kathmandu



Excited to be at the Hope Center (just behind the rock).

man and committed servant of Christ. He meditated on Scripture constantly.

He will be sorely missed.

Please pray for his wife, Carol, and his children, Steven and Laura. They rejoice that Bob is with the Lord now. But they also are grieving his departure.

(David Renfro and Bob Wilkin spoke at Bob Swift's memorial service, which was a joyous occasion.)

Pray for Ken

We don't tell people enough about what Ken does overseas.

He will be in Nepal from April 3 to April 27.

He will speak at two churches in Kathmandu. He will also be teaching 1 and 2 Corinthians at Kathmandu Bible Institute.

Ken's daughter Kathryn, who will soon graduate from Luther Rice Seminary, will teach a class on Bible study methods at the same time.

A generous donor contributed towards sending a bunch of free books to these Nepalese students.

Please pray for more funds and more opportunities for GES to minister to pastors and students overseas. We would love to grow this aspect of our teaching ministry.

Back in Print

The *Free Grace Primer* is back in print and should be available to purchase in two weeks.

Printing the book on-demand has raised the unit cost significantly. We have to put the



retail price at \$20.00 on Amazon.com, but hope to sell it for less on our website.

New Books by the Conference

Shawn is working on three new books for the National Conference.

Bob's *Grudem Against Grace* is a response to Grudem's book-length critique of Free Grace Theology. Bob takes on Grudem's somewhat loose arguments.

We will be printing Zane's commentary on 1-2 Timothy.

And Ken Yates will be publishing his first book, a mid-level commentary on *Hebrews*. More than devotional, but more accessible than an academic commentary, Ken tried to find the middle ground of edifying serious Bible students.

Shawn has a long list of books in the works. The closest to completion are: Zane Hodges, *Notes on Hebrews*; Zane Hodges, *Revelation*, and Zane Hodges, *Faith in His Name* (Expanded).

Those requiring more work are Zane Hodges, *Acts of the Risen Christ*; Bob Wilkin, *Repentance*; Shawn Lazar, *Hell*; and Shawn Lazar, *Worthy to Reign*.

23rd Annual GES Conference The Hope Center, Plano, TX May 21-24

Our national conference is soon approaching. We are so excited to see our extended GES family, and get some good Bible teaching to refresh our souls. We are also excited to try out the Hope Center in Plano, TX. It's a beautiful building, with nearby hotels and nice places to eat. It will bring a different dynamic to our conference.

