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A WORD FROM CHARLIE

The students I taught in India send you their thanks! As a friend of GraceLife's, they realize that you made my recent visit possible and they are grateful. Read their own words on page 2.

It was my second time in India. I went at the invitation of Dr. Sukhwant Bhatia, academic dean of the seminary where I taught. This is a high quality conservative Christian graduate school that offers both masters and doctoral degrees.

I have observed that the need for a clear grace message and for Bible teaching magnify whenever I leave the United States. I trust God for more opportunities to minister to this great need. The spring also holds more opportunities for speaking and writing here in the States. There is a need here too!



Inside, you will see some of the things GraceLife and I are doing, and get a glimpse of our new gospel tract (back page). I am grateful for both your prayers and your giving that makes it all happen, here and around the world. Together we are bringing grace to life!

Until all hear,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Charlie".

Charlie Bing

Does water baptism save?
See GraceNotes 31 inside!

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Up Close: Teaching Preaching in India

Next stop, Ghana!

Plans are underway for a team trip to Ghana, West Africa. GraceLife will bring a team who will help the national Christians spread the good news while Charlie also trains evangelism leaders and pastors. Expenses are many and time to prepare is short. GraceLife is counting on the generous support of friends and partners to make this trip possible. If you can send a special gift, please mark it "for Ghana."

In February, masters level seminary students learned how to preach the Bible when Charlie taught a class at South Asia Institute for Advanced Christian Studies in Bangalore. Using the book of Galatians, students learned how to stay faithful to the message of the book and its units. Charlie also preached in the school chapel and at church. Here are some comments from students.

This module has benefited me beyond my expectations ... I have learned the secret to making God's Word alive through my preaching... God bless you and help you to help budding preachers around the world.

— Gibson Marak



Vikram, Gibson, Amit

I have been blessed and encouraged by this course as I have learned the skills of preaching which I think will be very useful and effective for my ministry among my people in my mission field.

— Amit Roul

You've taught us what it means to really be handlers of the Word of God... I've preached some sermons earlier and it is only in your class I've come to know

that some of them are out of context. It's great to know how I need to preach what the text is really saying.

— Prabhu Veeranjanyulu

This is my first preaching class. You have opened my eyes to a whole new

world... Thank you so much for coming and teaching us. You have left us with gems. I hope you will come again to teach.

— Milton Terang



Ponnaiyan, Prabhan, Milton, Prakash

I never knew so much could be learned about how to preach. The course has helped me decide to be more honest to the text I preach. Thank you so much for coming and teaching us! It has really made a difference for me. I will never preach a boring sermon again, with God's help. Please keep coming back.

— Prakash Rao

Keep in Touch!

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Ministry Projects Update

- In December Charlie spoke in NJ at **Pinelands Community Church** (pastor



Pastor Gary McNally,
wife Janine, & Jamie

Gary McNally), and **Grace Christian Church** (pastor Jeff Barbieri). In February he taught at **South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies** (SAIACS) in India, and in early March at the **Grace Conference** in Dallas.

- In March and April, Charlie goes to Houston for two ministry conferences. Then April 8-9 finds him at **Shreveport Bible Church** (LA), and May 7 & 14 places him at **Pinelands Community Church** again (NJ). May 23-25 Charlie will preach a three-night series at **St. Francis Protestant Fellowship** in Fort Worth (TX), and May 28 at **Brenham Bible Church** (TX). In July GraceLife will take a team to minister in **Ghana, West Africa**, where Charlie will also train ministry leaders.

- **GraceNotes** are now on CD in printable PDF format! This set of 30 Bible teaching supplements on important aspects of the grace message can be printed and copied without special permission. See the envelope to order.

- The **Lordship Salvation** book has a timeless message that has helped many like W. S. who wrote:



SAIACS principal
Dr. Ashish Chrispal, wife Susan



Pastor Jeff Barbieri and church

This book has helped me to see the two views on the subject of Lordship salvation and to evaluate them without prejudice. It also gives a good exegetical analysis of the subject and how others' view it. This dissertation is comprehensive and very detailed, especially on key passages which relate to the topic.

Encouraging Words

Dr. Bing,

*Up until last year I was suffering from a lack of zeal in my daily walk with the Lord. I desperately needed motivation as I struggled to pay the cost of following Jesus. It wasn't until reading your book, **Living in the Family of Grace**, that I fully realized that the grace of God that brings us salvation motivates us to live the Christian life. Since reading your book I've experienced a new freedom and motivation to live for God. It has helped me communicate the gospel of grace to a world in desperate need of the Savior, as well as to encourage those who are wavering in the faith. Words could never fully explain the impact your book had on my life. I am grateful to you for writing this book and forever indebted to the Lord for placing it in my hands. Eternal destinies have been changed as a result of it.*

— Tony Caldiero, NJ

Falling from Grace



A Presbyterian who believed in baptism by sprinkling was arguing with a Baptist about total immersion.

"He's got to go all the way under water," the Baptist argued.

"What if he goes in only up to his waist—or even up to his neck?" baited the Presbyterian.

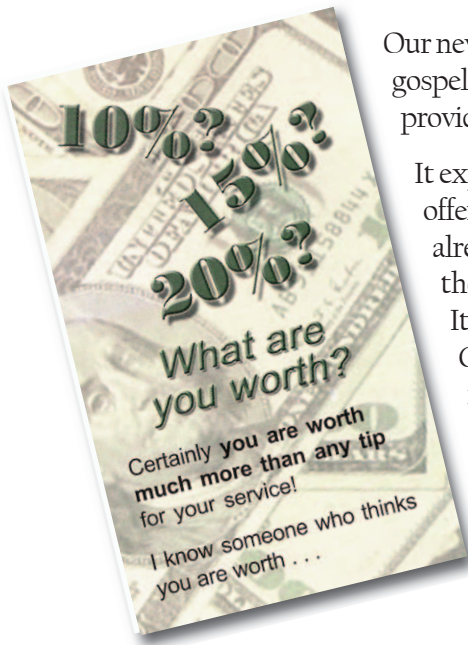
"Nope, not good enough."

"Then what if just the top of his hair is above water?"

"Even the top of his hair has to get wet," insisted the Baptist. The Presbyterian smiled. "So a little water on top of the head makes all the difference after all!"

Tools you can use

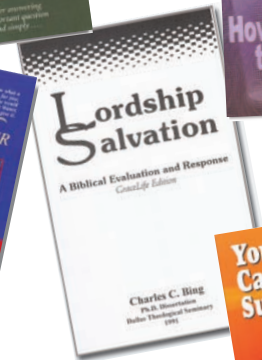
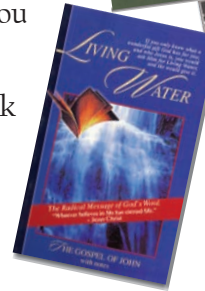
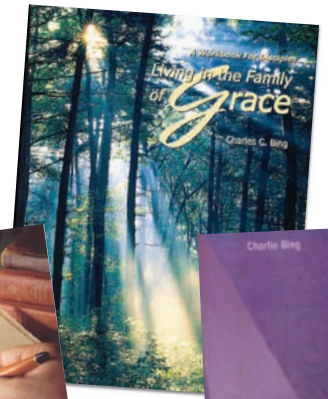
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Our new tract is a useful tool to help you share a clear gospel message with anyone, especially those that provide you a service.

It explains, "God asks nothing from you! He offers you the free gift of eternal life which He already paid for with His precious Son. Jesus then rose from the dead to give you this life." It goes on to encourage the reader to "accept God's gift by believing His promise to you in the Bible."

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