



## A WORD FROM CHARLIE

I'm off to India again in January to train hundreds of pastors! For the three pastors' conferences I am bringing a team of two pastors, two other teachers, and a woman teacher. The most exciting thing about this trip is that in at least two of these conferences the pastors have not heard the grace message! But in the past I have seen grace set the pastors of India free. You can see more about this trip on page 2.

During the Christmas season when so many gifts are given, how can we not think of The Gift of God, Jesus Christ? The gift of eternal life in Christ is ours only through faith in His person, provision, and promise. He is the gift; faith is not the gift but how we receive it. Read my GraceNotes insert, "Is Faith in Jesus Christ a Gift of God?"

I speak for my entire family when I say that we are all grateful for you and your part in our lives and ministry. GraceLife's ministry is expanding and growing. Only eternity will show how God used you to bring the gospel of grace to the unsaved and the grace of the gospel to the saved.

Speaking of my family, they are blessed and a blessing. It has been a good year for us. Five of us were on the Ghana team mission trip in July. We are rejoicing in God's goodness in 2008 and look forward to serving Him in 2009. On their behalf I wish for you a wonder-filled Christmas and a joy-filled New Year.

Until all hear,

Charlie Bing

### Grace Means Go! charlie's Itinerary:

December 4-6 – Free Grace Alliance Regional, Rome City, IN  
 December 7 – Weston Street Bible Church, Rome City, IN  
 December 8-10 – Pre-Trib Study Group Conference, Dallas, TX  
 December 14 – Burleson Bible Church, TX  
 January 16-31 – Pastors' Conferences, INDIA  
 January 13 – GraceLife annual board meeting, Burleson, TX

## Up Close: January India Pastors' Conferences



Once again GraceLife will share the grace message with hundreds of pastors in three cities of India. Two groups of pastors have not heard the grace message. The third group will be mostly unfamiliar with it. How exciting is that!?

Most Indian pastors have a “gospel” mixed with works, baptism, holiness, and other duties. No wonder hardly any believe in eternal security and most lack assurance of salvation.

It is sad to see, but we will make a difference by bringing God's Word to teach a clear gospel. They respond well



to Bible teaching. Last January we saw hundreds of pastors rejoice in their new assurance and freedom.

Our team this January includes Pastor Bart Howell, Rich and Shelly Keller, Wes Dunham (all from Eagles View Church, Saginaw, TX), and Pastor Rodney Cripps (Stough Memorial Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC). We will assist the ministry of Daniel and Sharon Rose Oswald, Crossworld Ministries International. Shelly and Sharon Rose will teach the pastors' wives.

Please pray for receptive and prepared hearts. Pray for safety and all our needs to be supplied. GraceLife will pay for most of the conference expenses. We leave the States on January 16. Some will return on the 27<sup>th</sup>, but two of us will stay for the third conference and return on the 31<sup>st</sup>. You can follow us on our India trip journal at [GraceLife.org/blog](http://GraceLife.org/blog).

## Free Grace Alliance Update



GraceLife played an important part in founding the FGA. Since its official “birth” in 2004, the FGA has enrolled about 500 Christian leaders

committed to advancing the grace message graciously. This year's annual conference in Arlington, TX, registered about 175 and the banquet, featuring Dr. Charles Ryrie (see photo), was sold out at about 200. You can order the CD's of Charlie's, Dr. Ryrie's, and all the conference messages at [FreeGraceAlliance.com](http://FreeGraceAlliance.com).

Since Charlie's term as FGA president expired in October, he has more time for conference ministry this coming spring. If you are interested in a conference or retreat for your church, see the list of conference messages at [GraceLife.org/conferences](http://GraceLife.org/conferences) and our contact info on page 3.

# Ministry in Focus

September: Free Grace Seminary Bible Conference, Hampton, GA, with J.B. Hixson, Rick Whitmire, Ed Hoard, Mike Halsey, Butch Entrekin



October: Duluth Bible Church Bible Conference, MN (pastor Dennis Rokser), and Resurgence Church GraceLife Conference, Evansville, IN (pastor Jeremy Edmundson)



November: Pastor David Roseland and the folks of Preston City Bible Church, CT. The building dates to 1813!

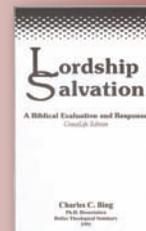


This past fall Charlie also ministered at Community Bible Church (Stockbridge, GA), Victor Street Bible Chapel (Dallas), Cleburne Bible Church (TX), Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting (Providence, RI), Eagles View Church (Saginaw, TX).

## Encouraging Words

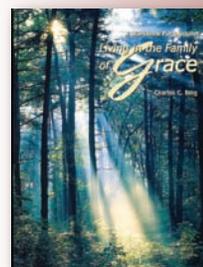
Wes H. from IN writes:

*Dr. Bing's work on Lordship Salvation had a profound impact on my relationship with Christ. As I read it I could feel the burden of trying to live a "Christian" life lift off of my shoulders. The grace of God was made real and came alive.*



Yvonne H. from NC emails:

*Dear Dr. Bing, I brought up your [Bibliotheca Sacra] article, "The Warning in Colossians." I printed it out and have studied it over and over... I am keenly aware of God's grace having been born again at age forty, eighteen years ago. But God's grace becomes more and more amazing to me every day. Your article is a blessing to me and I wanted to let you know that God is using your ministry to change lives. I do Bible studies with two ladies who have legalistic backgrounds and am today ordering your book [Living in the Family of Grace] to use with them.*



## Keep in Touch!

If we can help you or you can help us bring grace to life, contact:

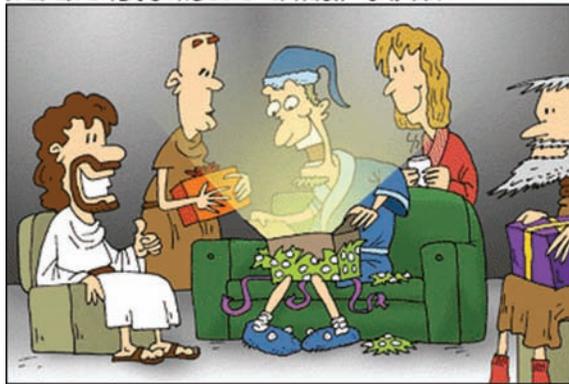
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"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men." Titus 2:11



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