



bringing grace to life

A WORD FROM CHARLIE

Last month, I spilled a drink on my laptop computer

and I could not get it to turn on again. I had not backed it up recently, so I feared losing some important work I had done, including work on my latest book.

Long story short (but seemed very long to me!), I was able to rescue the hard drive and copy it's contents onto a new computer. Hallelujah! So much could have been lost forever!

My incident reminds me of an important teaching of grace: the salvation we have in Jesus Christ can never be lost. Yes, even when we do stupid things (a.k.a. sin), Jesus is our backup. He will never let us go (John 10:28-29), our names will never be removed from His Book of Life (Rev. 3:5), and His grace abounds above and beyond our sins (Rom. 5:20). All He has done for us is safe, and all the good we have done for Him is safe, for God will remember what Jesus has done and reward us for the good we have done (2 Cor. 5:10).

As I reflect on the year just ending, I realize that you and I have spent a lot of time, energy, and money spreading the gospel around the world. But the good news is that nothing has been lost! God will count all the sacrifices so that our work was not in vain, and the fruit of our efforts will be preserved for all eternity.

Christmas reminds us that Jesus Christ came into the world to invest in us eternally. He became a part of our world so that we could become a part of His. Don't be discouraged by anything you think you have lost in 2013. Jesus will make things count for eternity!

But let us also remember that everything *will be* lost for those without Christ as their Savior. So there is still a lot of work to do, and perhaps we will have 2014 to do it—by God's grace.

Have a blessed Christmas season and an even happier New Year!

Until all hear,

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Grace Means Go!

- February 1-7 – GraceLife Institute Training, Hyderabad, India
- February 8-12 – Pastors' Conference, Yangon, Myanmar
- March 25-30 – New Tribes Mission Conference, Papua New Guinea
- April 10-12 – Mid-America Prophecy Conference, Tulsa, OK
- April 26-27 – Free Grace Alliance Regional Conference, Lacey Chapel, Lacey, WA
- April 30 – New Tribes Bible Institute, Waukesa, WI
- July 4-18 – GraceLife Institute Training, Ghana
- July 10-12 – Gulf Coast Bible Conference, Gulfport, MS
- August 8-22 – GraceLife Institute Training, Burundi

Up Close: Three Open Doors for 2014



India — GraceLife Institute Training, February 1-7.

Charlie and a team of teachers from Stough Church in Pineville, NC (Pastor Rodney Cripps, John Hardin, Michael Stewart) will train select pastors and leaders in Hyderabad in partnership with Daniel Oswald of Crossworld Ministries International of India. This will be the second year for these pastors in GLI. Though we try to limit the class to 50 pastors, more always show up! There will be travel and accommodation expenses of about \$2,800, plus other conference expenses.



Myanmar — Pastors' Conference, February 8-12.

Charlie will meet with a group of pastors for an introductory conference to ground them in the grace message and also see about printing *Simply by Grace* there, which has already been translated into the Burmese language. This is a wonderful open door for the grace message to be preached and printed. The cost to GraceLife will be about \$3,000.



Papua New Guinea — New Tribes Mission Staff Conference, March 25-30.

This is a first time visit to PNG and an opportunity to strengthen these committed missionaries in this gospel-needy country. NTM is doing a great work and they really care about keeping the gospel free and clear. Expenses are mostly for travel costs, about \$3,500.

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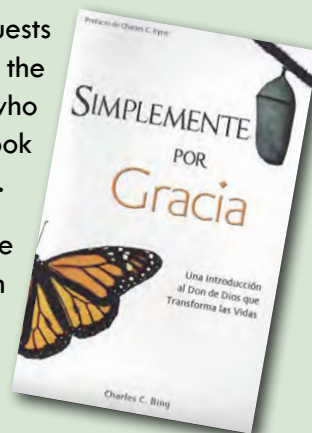


Simplemente por Gracia

The Spanish-speaking world needs grace! For many years we have received requests for grace-oriented resources in the Spanish language. We are happy to announce that the Spanish translation of *Simply by Grace* is now available. If you know someone who ministers to the Spanish-speaking community in any country, let them know about this book that has helped so many people in the English language.



Simply by Grace will also be available soon in the Finnish language. Charlie recently signed the translation and publication license with Pastor Tero Fredriksson of Greater Grace Church, Vaasa, Finland, who is leading the project. Thank God for these opportunities to share the message of grace!



Ministry in Focus



- First Baptist Church, Forest Grove, OR with Pastor Mark Rubio and elder Steve Dehner (top left)
- Free Grace Alliance Annual Conference, Dallas, Dr. Ron Allen, Oct. 14-16 (top middle)
- Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas, Oct. 27
- Baytown Community Church, TX, Nov. 1-3, with Pastor Tim and Debbie Hill (top right)
- Greater Grace Worldwide Outreach, Baltimore, MD, Nov. 19-21, with Pastor Thomas Schaller (bottom left)
- Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, Nov. 19-21
- Fellowship Bible Church, Winchester, VA, Nov. 24, with Associate Pastor Don Den Hartog and Patty (bottom right)

Encouraging Words

Terri in Houston writes:

For the past month I have been very frightened about whether or not I am going to heaven (miserable). I was confused by difficult Scriptures that some say tell us we can lose our salvation. So I have been praying for wisdom.

This morning I found someone online who was claiming we can lose our salvation citing three verses including Galatians 5:4. When I looked up each, I saw that they were taken out of context. God showed me specifically that Galatians 5:4 shows us the OPPOSITE of being able to lose our salvation, but to the contrary, we move away from Christ if we seek salvation from the law instead of by grace.

So after God showed me this I did an Internet search to confirm this and found your GraceNotes which confirmed exactly what God was (is) telling me.

I'm so grateful that God is faithful to His Word and as I claimed the verse in James to ask God for wisdom, He gave it to me. Then He used you to confirm my understanding is correct. It's a very big deal because I have felt tortured. So please be encouraged that you have been a part of relieving a tortured mind.

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Falling from Grace



"I stopped making a list. Nothing is considered naughty anymore!"

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God's grace!

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