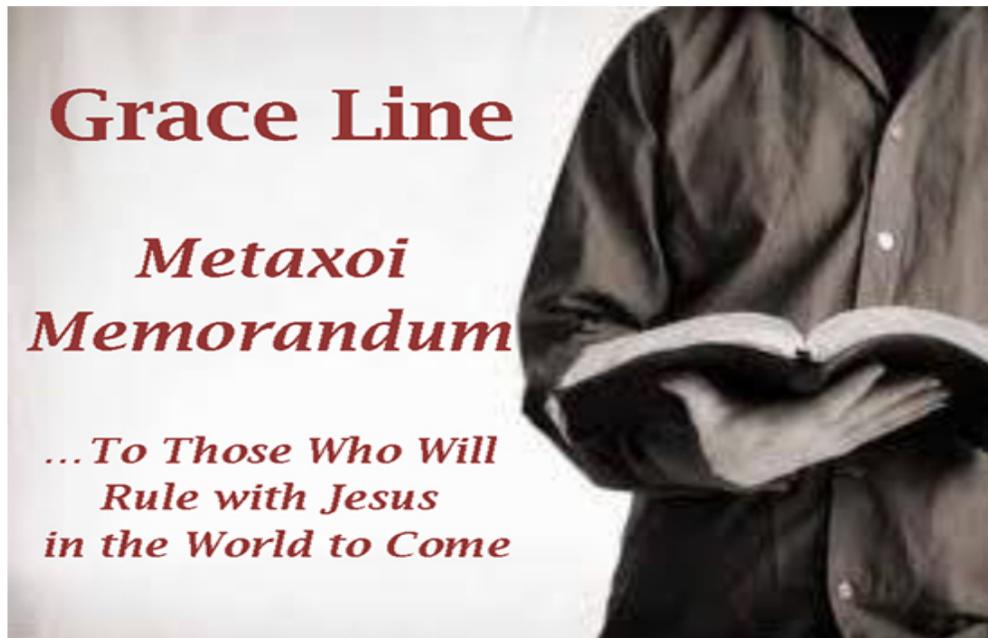


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Volume VII

A new day! A new chance to excel!

This is what I told my kids while they were growing up, and it is what I tell myself every day, and it is what I am telling you. It is a new day and a new season of ministry.

I assume you have evaluated and planned for the new season and look forward to new ministry opportunities to serve and new challenges that await you. Let me remind you that the devil has been evaluating his plans for you as well. He is looking forward to sizing you up and doing his best to harm you so as to harm the flock of God. Remember that you carry a very large bull's eye target on your back. And the devil has a good track record of being a good shot. I trust you know your weakness and have made plans of accountability to ensure spiritual victory.

If you think you are invincible, then I guess you are new to the ministry. Trust me or the apostle Paul... *"let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall"*. So it is the Fall season, and yet let us not "fall" but together make it our goal to be diligent to be found approved by the Father, filled by the Holy Spirit, in our service for Christ and seek always, and only His glory.

► Upcoming events

Grace Line Pastors Forum

For those of you who live in the Phoenix area I hope you been receiving e-mails inviting you to the Grace Line Pastors Forum, October 2nd from 9 until 11:30 a.m. We will gather to talk about evangelical trends. I've invited Pastor John Dickerson from Prescott, Arizona to come speak to us about the great evangelical recession. This will be based upon his newly released book by the same title published by Baker Press. This is a fascinating study of what is actually going on sociologically and numerically and therefore in terms of the resultant impact within the evangelical community. I will also present some of the theological trends that go along with the sociological trends within the evangelical world. The cost is free just like grace, but please make sure you register so we will have enough refreshments. Email us at GraceLineMinistry@cox.net if you have any questions

Grace Line Spiritual Formation Seminars

I will be doing a number of seminars at churches on the "Theology of Spiritual Formation and Sanctification" this fall. It is a joy to be able to teach free grace sanctification and see people freed up from legalism and faulty theology.

► Resources

Let me make you aware of five very helpful resources that have just recently come on the market.

- First, Triumph Through Trials. This is by Dr. Dave Anderson, President of Grace School of Theology. It is an excellent exegetical exposition series of sermons based on the Epistle of James. The theology of it is in full compliance with free grace theology and provides an excellent treatment on the topic of suffering. The style, having much sermonic material in it, makes it a delight to read and it is a good example of how one can inject important theological truth without it being boring. The book is published by Grace Theology Press, 271 pages and is in paperback.
- Second, let me encourage you to read Portraits of Righteousness-Free Grace Sanctification in Romans 5-8 This book is also by Dr. Anderson and provides an excellent exposition of Romans 5 through 8 from the free grace perspective. Much of the exegesis and theology has been written before by Zane Hodges, as well as some by Anders Nygren in his commentary on Romans written in 1943. Dr. Anderson, as we have come to expect, provides us with a rich exegetical base and presents it in a wonderful homiletical package. If you have been around the free grace movement and read some literature some of the arguments may be familiar. But I guarantee you the way this is woven together, explaining this section of Romans, will provide you with excellent material to study or teach the book of Romans. The book is published by Liberty University Press and is a 240 page paperback that is a bit oversized but laid out in a very useful format.
- The third book is entitled Romans: Deliverance From Wrath. This is the life work of Zane Hodges. It is both commentary as well as a skillfully presented spiritual life document. Prof Hodges provides much of the exegetical detail along

with his original translation. He does not fill the book with secondary literature, although he does comment on essential issues and commentators when needed. As usual Prof Hodges provides his original thinking and implications theologically and spiritually. In the section on Romans 5-8 he presents some very original thinking, some of which was anticipated by Anders Nygren, but taken by Hodges to such a level that you will find yourself captivated by his argument. Again, if you have spent time in the free grace movement you may have heard some of this material from Dr. Anderson or from René Lopez in his brief commentary on Romans. But if you are looking for the original source expressed in both an exegetical commentary and a spiritual manner this is a book for you. If you plan on studying and or teaching the book of Romans you must have it. As I read through it I have not sensed any of the so-called "cross-less gospel argument". There are a few interpretations Hodges takes which you may not appreciate and in fact may not agree. But there is no doubt that you will benefit if you digest this marvelous work. The book is a 485 page paperback, published by Grace Evangelical Society and can be found on Amazon.com. It isn't that expensive but it is well worth the price.

- Fourth, a new "Four Views" book put out by Zondervan, [The Role of Works at the Final Judgment](#). This book is edited by Alan Stanley and includes chapters from James D.G. Dunn, Thomas Schreiner, M. Barber and Bob Wilkin. This is a must read if you are interested in where the discussion is going. Bob Wilkin provides the free grace position. His argument is clear but is presented inside a dispensational frame and focuses in on Matthew 24-25 so much that it loses some of its punch. The other authors are quick to pick up on this weakness and try to dismiss the arguments. The other presentations (Reformed, New Pauline Perspective and the Catholic view) are clear and clearly wrong from my way of thinking. Wilkin does a very good job in dismantling the other positions. You need to buy this one!

- Fifth, let me introduce you to the latest addition to the biblical and theological evaluations of Dortian Calvinism. Dr. Anthony Badger has produced, [Confronting Calvinism; A Free Grace Refutation and Biblical Resolution of Radical Reformed Soteriology](#)". This book is based on his Th.D. dissertation at Dallas Theological Seminary. Many of the chapters have been published previously, but this is an edited, unified version of the material. If you have already read "[The Dark Side of Calvinism](#)" by Vance then this book will not add much and may not be worth your time and money. That is not to dismiss the book, but simply saying if you have Vance's book this book is not necessary. However, if you are new to the evaluation of Calvinism and would like a thoroughly biblical and theological discussion and free grace solution this is a great place to start. The book is a 395 page paperback. It is academic in style but also very practical in its argumentation.

In terms of other resources, let me remind and encourage you again to visit www.GraceLine.net. There is an excellent new article on James 2:1. It is helpful in unlocking the meaning of the difficult passage in James 2:14-26. [Click here](#) and

read "*James 2:1 Question or Command?*" by J.L. Phillips. Also visit www.FreeGraceAlliance.com for great resources. Both websites provide a limited online bookstore and a number of articles and resources you may find helpful. Also, the FGA site is a great place to blog on issues that you desire to get into the public arena.

The Lord has chosen you and equipped you for this season of your ministry. I pray that it is a time of great joy and excitement for you and glory for the Lord Jesus.

Watch your back! And I hope someone else is watching it for you!

Serving Him with you
Until He comes for us,

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