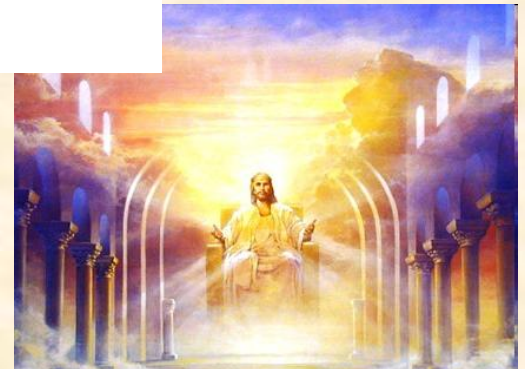
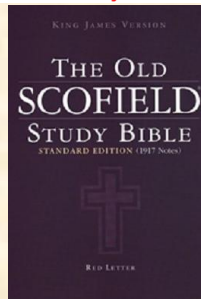
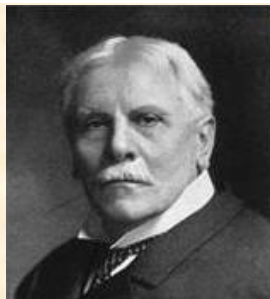
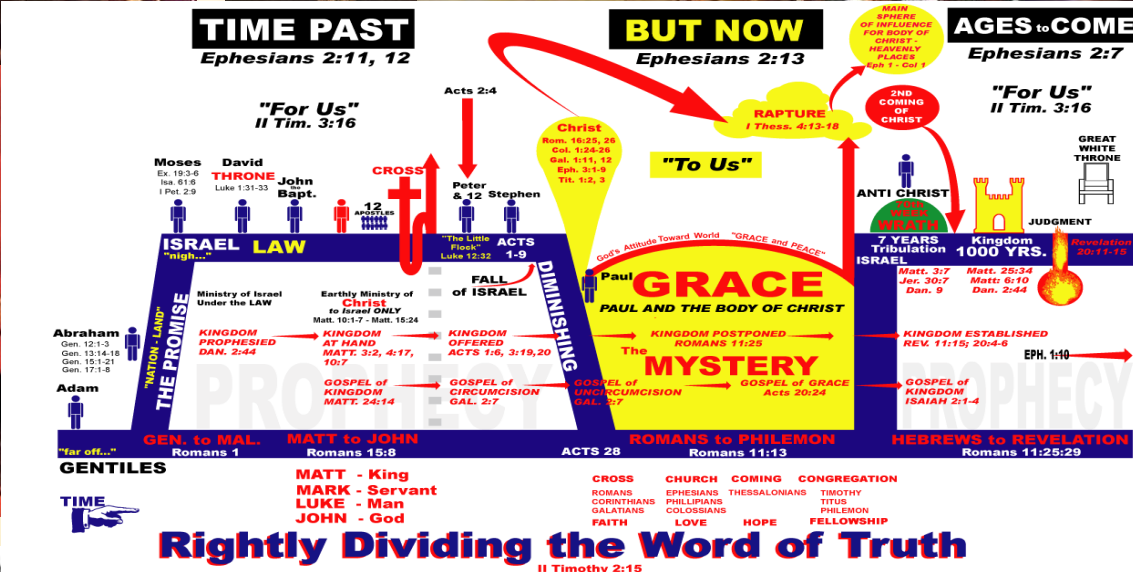


A History of Grace Theology



Session 11

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Charles F. Baker

1905-1994

- A native of Dallas, Texas.
- Was a radio engineer in 1922
- Attended L.S. Chafer's church
- Graduated from Wheaton College and Dallas Theological Seminary



Charles F. Baker

1905-1994

- Became associated with J.C. O'Hair in radio ministry .
- Organized the Fundamental Bible Church was pastor for 23 years,
- 1939 organized an evening Bible school in 1945 became Milwaukee Bible Institute



Charles F. Baker

- Was the president of Milwaukee Bible Institute and Milwaukee Bible College until 1967
- Wrote ***A Dispensational Theology*** which became the primary theological reference book from a mid-Acts perspective.



Harry Bultema

1884-1952

- Born in the Netherlands
- Studied at Calvin Seminary
- Pastor in Pella, IA and Muskegon, MI with Christian Reformed Church.



Harry Bultema

1884-1952

- Published Maranatha in 1918
- Forced the CRC to take a stand in opposition to Premillennialism
- Founded the Berean Church in Muskegon in 1921.



Radio Ministry

- North Shore Church started broadcasting in 1924
- Became a primary means of propagating the message of “Grace”
- Responsible for the beginning of many churches in the Midwest.
- Radio ministries were used in Muskegon, Minneapolis and Altoona, PA

Controversy

- Accusations of Bullingerism were common.
- William R. Newell was forced to change his commentary on Romans to include water baptism.

everyone "baptized into Christ Jesus" has "put on Christ." Whom? Has every one who has been baptized in water "put on Christ"? Do not you yourself know some baptized hypocrites? The expression "baptized into Christ Jesus" must refer to a far deeper thing than an external ordinance. In the verse before us (Rom. vi, 3) we are told that all "baptized into Christ Jesus" have thus been baptized into what? In verse 5, those described in verse 3 as "baptized" into Christ's death are viewed as *partakers of a vital union with Christ in His death.** And in verse 11 those referred to in verse 3 are told

Body of Christ, by (literally, "in") the Holy Spirit. The word "baptized" in this passage manifestly refers to something entirely distinct from water-baptism. It is that operation of the Spirit of God in which the new creature (Eph. ii, 5, 10; II Cor. v, 17) is incorporated with and vitally joined into the Body of Christ, thus

We must first of all receive the statement of our death unto sin with Christ (verses 2 and 11) as a revealed federal fact; and then allow the Apostle to press the symbolical setting forth of that federal death by the figure of water-baptism.
<http://www.ccel.org/ccel/newell/romans.vii.html>

Controversy

- Donald Barnhouse was a major opponent of dispensationalism but especially of O'hair
- Martin DeHaan once believed that water baptism was not for the Body of Christ, but later accused O'hair of teaching false doctrine.
- J.R. Rice challenged Mid-Acts teaching in the Sword of the Lord.

Controversy

From the Wheaton College Alumni webpage.

For instance, Baker and other ultra-dispensationalists believe that Paul was commissioned with an entirely new ministry after Acts 28; and that the divine instruction revealed to him is presented only in the so-called prison epistles. Since Paul does not mention the observance of the Lord's Supper or baptism by immersion, then the ordinances are invalid.

Missionary Outreach

Worldwide Grace Testimony

- Early Grace Leaders all had a missionary vision
- 1939 Worldwide Grace Testimony founded

These views spread to the foreign mission field. In the Congo, missionary F.E. Holland, who had been supported through Mr. O'Hair's ministry, took a stand for the Grace Message. Soon two other missionaries in the same area, Mr. Otto Deming and Mr. F.P. Pickett, aligned themselves with Mr. Holland. The home boards under which these missionaries served withdrew their financial support because they would not practice water baptism upon the native converts and left them stranded. This act was providential in leading to the formation of a new mission board under which missionaries would be free to preach and practice the dispensation which had been committed to the Apostle Paul for the Body of Christ.

Missionary Outreach

Worldwide Grace Testimony

- Missionary F.E. Holland working in Usumbura, Congo, supported by North Shore Church, embraced Mid-Acts doctrine.
- Soon joined by co-workers F.P. Pickett and Otto Deming.
- These missionaries lost support from Berean Mission and prompted the organization of WGT

Missionary Outreach

Worldwide Grace Testimony

- Later Sam Vinton, Sr. and Lennart Anderson joined WGT.
- Vinton had a mission station in Kama, Anderson began a ministry in Kivu province of Congo
- Usumbura work was turned over to another mission and resources were focused on Kama and Kivu.

Missionary Outreach

Worldwide Grace Testimony

- Conflict arose between WGT and Deming.
- Deming moved to Tanzania and organized Livingstone Memorial Mission, which merged with GMI in 1985.
- The Congo ministry was the focal point of most WGT/GM/GMI ministry until the mid-1980's

Missionary Outreach

Worldwide Grace Testimony

- A Puerto Rico outreach was started in 1963 with a radio station and camp.
- 1964 Changed its name to Grace Mission
- Had home outreaches in Arkansas, Rosalie Duclos died in 1971.
- 1985 merged with Bethesda Mission and Livingstone Memorial Mission to form Grace Ministries International.
- Learn more at www.gracem.org

Grace Gospel Fellowship

- Herman Reich of Evansville, IN first suggested a fellowship for pastors and churches.
- First organizational meeting held in Evansville in 1944.



- Two men ordained at this meeting: Frank Moore and Don Ramsey
- Initially resisted by O'Hair and Stam

Grace Gospel Fellowship

- First official meeting held in St. Louis in May 1945
- Eugene Rieweler, President; Bill Root, V.P.; Otis Wasson, Treasurer



- John LaVier, Clerk; Ray Reich, Financial Secretary

Grace Gospel Fellowship

- 1971 Chuck O'Connor appointed first full-time president of the GGF and gave it a businesslike organizational structure



- 1991 Roger Anderson
- 2000 Ken Parker
- 2004 Frosty Hansen
- Learn more at www.ggfusa.org

Milwaukee Bible Institute

- 1939 An Evening Bible School was started by Charles Baker in the Fundamental Bible Church of Milwaukee
- 1945 the GGF moved to start a Bible institute.



Tower House

Milwaukee Bible Institute

- 1945 First class of Milwaukee Bible Institute began with 14 students
- Charles Baker was the first president.
C.R. Stam the registrar.



Tower House

Milwaukee Bible Institute

- J.C. O'Hair was chairman of the board until his death in 1958 and T.R. Huston treasurer until his death in 1954.
- 1955 a bachelor degree program was offered and MBI became Milwaukee Bible College



Tower House

Milwaukee Bible College

- Around 1955 Jack Dean became an instructor at MBC
- 1961 the college is moved to Grand Rapids, MI and renamed Grace Bible College.



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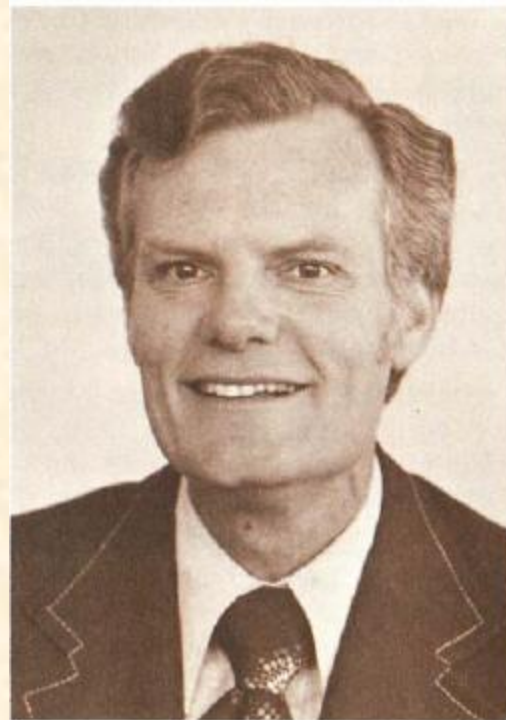
Grace Bible College

- 1964 gained accreditation from the American Association of Bible Colleges
- About 1985 gained accreditation from the North Central Association (Regional higher education accreditation)



Grace Bible College

- 1967 Jack Dean became the 2nd president of the college
- Dean had a PhD in Psychology
- Controversy ensued with more conservative figures in the Grace movement, led by C.R. Stam



President Dr. Jack Dean

Grace Bible College

- Sam Vinton, President
1985 – 1991
- Bruce Kemper,
President 1991 –
2003
- Ken Kemper 2003 –
present.
- Learn more at
www.gbcol.edu

