



# Gracelife

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## A WORD FROM CHARLIE

The year 2020 will be a memorable one, not all for good reasons. We all suffered to one degree or another with lockdowns or seeing people we know get sick and/or die from the pandemic. We endured stressful racial tension, chaotic demonstrations, destruction of property, and random violence. Then there was the election!

Could the world look more dark and needy than it did in 2020? Well, yes, it could and it has seen darker times. Think about the pervasive moral darkness just before the birth of Jesus Christ. The center of civilization, Rome and its empire, was politically corrupt, oppressively cruel, sexually perverted, and religiously bankrupt. People found no hope of eternal life in idol and emperor worship, pagan rites, or Jewish legalism. The dark world needed a light.

*Then light appeared!* Jesus Christ, who called Himself “the light of the world” (John 8:12), dispelled the darkness with hope. The apostle John wrote, “In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the darkness did not comprehend it” (John 1:4-5). The joy of Christmas is for those who have received a new life through Jesus and no longer walk in the darkness of this world.

However, the bad news is that there were and are those who remain in darkness because they do not understand or accept this truth about Jesus. They instead trust in man-made religion, feelings, futile philosophies, or nothing at all. They ignore the eye-witness accounts of those who saw Jesus after He rose from the dead. They ignore the hundreds of prophecies that predicted His coming and His eternal salvation. These facts make Jesus unique among anyone who ever lived. Those who ignore these facts remain in darkness and face an eternity separated from God’s presence.

Is your life filled with joy or fear? With faith or doubt? With darkness or the Light of Life? You don’t have to be without joy and a new life. God’s Word says, “But as many as received Him (Jesus Christ), to them He (Jesus) gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His (Jesus’) name” (John 1:12). To receive Jesus Christ is another way of saying believe in Him. To believe in His name means you accept as true and trust in who Jesus is (the Son of God) and what He has done (died in payment for your sins and rose from the dead to give eternal life).

Have you believed in the Lord Jesus Christ who loves you and paid the penalty for your sins? If not, I invite you to do so right now even as you read this. There are no magic rituals or prayers, no amount of good works or moral reform. Just believe in and receive His free gift. And if you do, why not tell God “Thank You” for this gift of His love and life?

Karen and I wish you and yours a “Merry Christmas” and a brighter 2021. If you know the Christ of Christmas, you will really understand what that means. Do you?

Until all hear,

Charlie Bing



**All gifts postmarked by  
December 31 are  
tax-deductible for 2020!**

## Grace Means Go!

- December 6 & 13 – Packsaddle Fellowship, Kingsland, TX
- December 27 - Burlson Bible Church, TX
- January TBA - GCF Nuvali Church, Philippines (virtual)
- January 6 - GraceLife Board Meeting, Burlson, TX
- January 17 – Bear Creek Bible Church, Keller, TX
- March 21 – Southwest Community Church, Miami
- March 28 Bayside Community Church, Tampa



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**2020 - 2021**  
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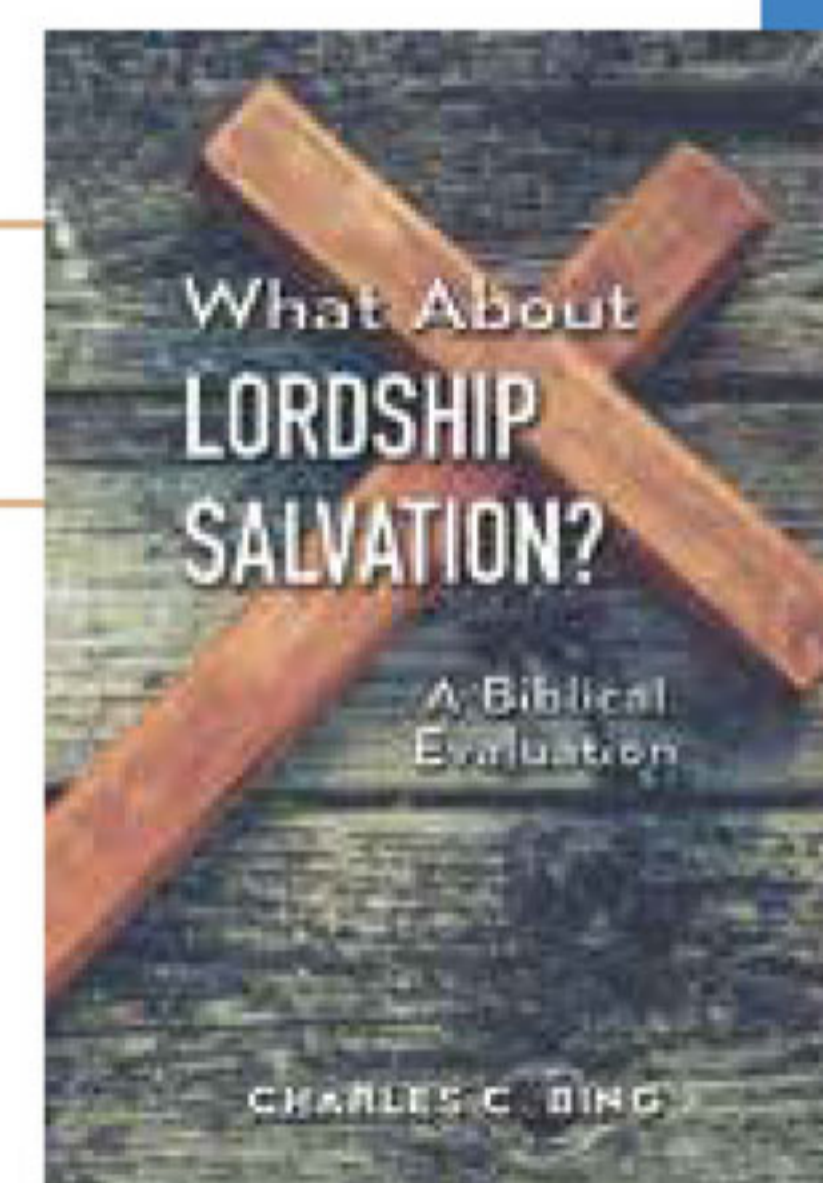
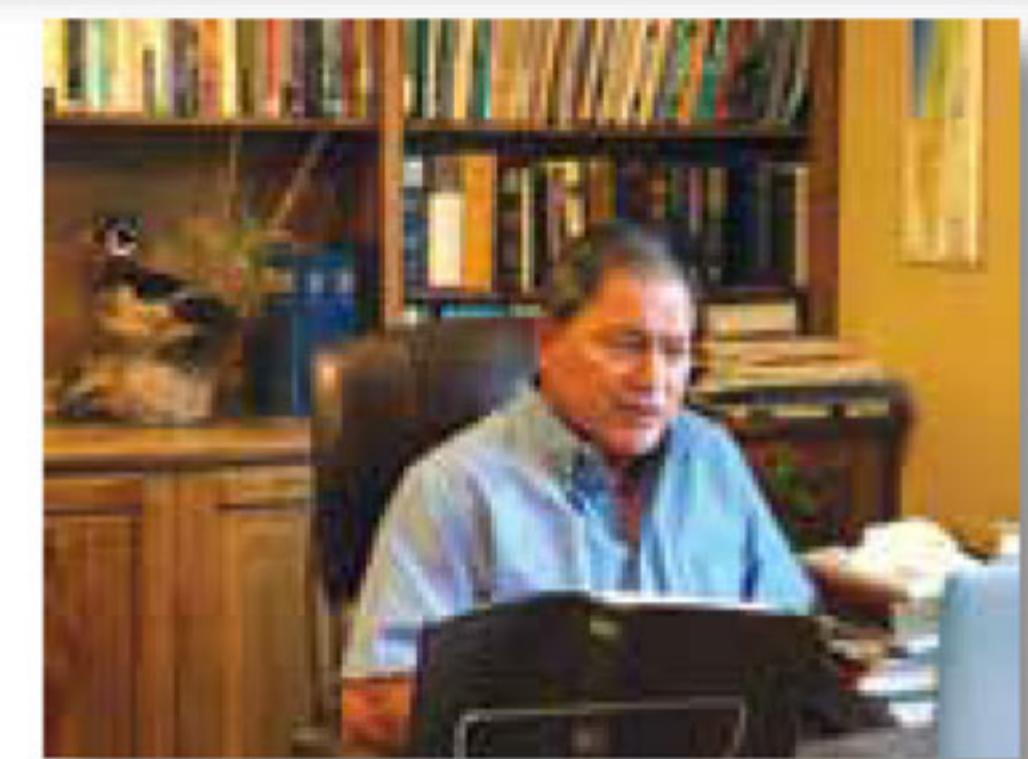
## 2020 - WHAT THE LORD ALLOWED

(along with regular podcasts, newsletters, GraceNotes, and scholarships)

January	Myanmar GraceLife Institute & conferences GraceLife board meeting Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas
February	Philippines Word of Life Bible Institute & Pastors' conference
March	Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas (virtual) India GraceLife Institute Dean Bible Ministries Bible Study (online) Grace Life Church, Pineville, NC (virtual)
April	Bayside Community Church, Tampa (virtual)
May	Free Grace Alliance conference (online) Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas (virtual)
June	GraceLife mid-year board meeting Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas (virtual) Published <i>Fishing for Life</i> book
July	Burleson Bible Church, TX Published <i>Lordship Salvation</i> book
August	Bayside Community Church, Tampa Free Grace Alliance regional conference, Grace Bible Church, Portage, WI Zambia GraceLife Institute begins (online)
September	Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas (virtual) Faith Bible Church conference, Albuquerque
October	Free Grace Alliance International Conference, The Woodlands, TX Calvary Community Church missions conference, Tampa Philippines Word of Life Bible Pastors' conference (virtual)
November	Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas (virtual) Burleson Bible Church, TX Chapter completed for a new book on living by grace First draft completed of <i>Simply by Grace</i> in Lugandan (Uganda)
December	Packsaddle Fellowship, Kingsland, TX (two Sundays)

## 2021 - SCHEDULED SO FAR--IF THE LORD WILLS

January	Bear Creek Bible Church, Keller, TX GCF Nuvali Church, Philippines (virtual)
March	Southwest Community Church, Miami Bayside Community Church, Tampa
June	Zimbabwe GraceLife Institute
July	Ghana GraceLife Institute
August	Burundi GraceLife Institute



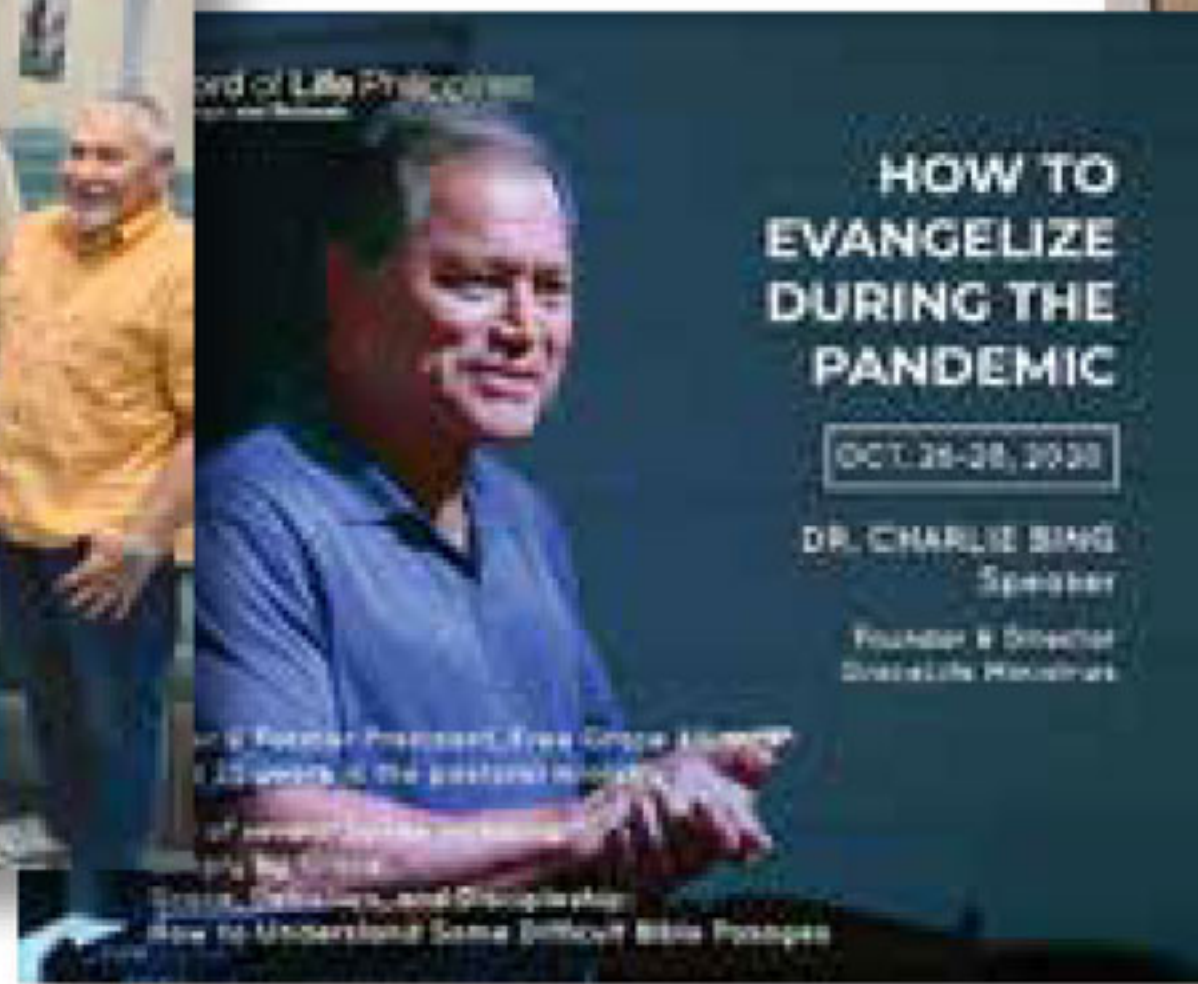
## ISRAEL! Plan now for 2022!

The GraceLife Friends Israel Study Tour originally planned for May 2020 is rescheduled for May 15-27, 2022. This is more than a bus-window tour. You will see some sites not usually on traditional tours and our Christian guide will share meaningful biblical insights. Get more information through our periodical emails. Just drop a note to [Julie@GraceLife.org](mailto:Julie@GraceLife.org) to stay in the Israel info loop. We will probably limit the group to about 40 and we already have about 12 committed, so don't wait!





# Ministry in Focus



From the left: In September at Faith Bible Church Albuquerque, with pastor David Broersma; at Pastors' Conference, Word of Life Philippines (virtual); In October at Calvary Community Church missions conference, Tampa, with pastors James Scudder & Yankee Arnold; In November at Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas (not pictured); In December at Packsaddle Fellowship, Kingsland, TX (pastor Robert Billingslea); at Burleson Bible Church, TX, with family;

## Help Needed

GraceLife's budget does not allow us to help all the needs that ministry partners share with us beyond the expenses of training pastors. Here is a list of some of their projects. If you can help, designate your gift accordingly and we will pass it on to them.

- **Pakistan** – Raheel.S. is starting an online Urdu Bible school to train pastors. It is difficult to train in physical meetings. Estimated need for startup and translating books into Urdu: \$5000.
- **Myanmar** – Joseph Sian has begun a building that will serve as his home, a church, children's home, and pastors' training center. Estimated need for the first building: \$18,000.
- **Burundi** – Anicet Ndikuriyo's main Grace Bible Church is in danger of losing their lease on their main meeting place and office. They must purchase the property or will have to buy and develop their own. Estimated need: \$45,000.



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No more a license to sin than electricity is a license to electrocute yourself.

Source: escapereality.org

## Encouraging Words

From Jon McCray:

*"Your work has been a gargantuan aide to me in defending the Gospel of Grace, and has helped me defend the Gospel to my Youtube audience (of now around 90k subscribers)! I couldn't be more thankful for your work. Praise God and May God continue to use you. Looking forward to any future projects from you."*

Check out Jon's YouTube channel, *Waddo You Meme?*, on apologetics and current events.

