



A WORD FROM CHARLIE

*F*ellowship is a word used in churches and by Christians all the time.

- Two Christians chatting over a cup coffee say, "We enjoyed the fellowship."
- Christian High school athletes may belong to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
- A room at a church where members eat meals together is a fellowship hall.

All these are true and good uses of the word. After all, the word (in the Greek, *koinonia*) means to share something in common. But there is a deeper fellowship available to believers; it comes from working together and sharing our lives for the sake of the gospel. The apostle Paul wrote to the Philippian believers, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now" (Phil. 1:3-5).

In the context, Paul was expressing gratitude for the financial gifts that the Philippian believers had shared with him from their very first acquaintance (4:15-18). But behind those gifts was a common desire to advance the gospel. Since not all could do that physically with Paul, the financial gifts were how they could share their lives with him as he continued his missionary work. We know this included their prayers for him also (1:19).

I have experienced this "fellowship in the gospel" from generous believers since the first days of GraceLife Ministries. These are people, maybe you, who want to see others experience the joy of having eternal life through the free gift of God in Jesus Christ. I am always humbled when people give and when they say, "I pray for you every day," or "My wife and I pray you every Sunday," or "We pray for you in our church prayer meeting."

What results from this fellowship in the gospel is that I feel a bond deeper than friendship. We are living, sacrificing, suffering, and rejoicing together to do God's work while we are here on earth. The icing on the cake is when we have an opportunity to visit face to face. We feel a mutual love and inner joy that is hard to explain.

I find it hard to put into words what your fellowship in the gospel means to me. I hope you feel my appreciation, love, and joy as we work together to advance the gospel of God's grace. And I do "thank my God upon every remembrance of you."

Until all hear,

Charlie Bing
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Fellowshipping with Paul and Sarah at Bayside Community Church, Tampa



Here's a minute message from Charlie about our new podcast series.

Grace Means Go!

- March 5-19 – Word of Life Bible Institute, Philippines (online)
- May 15 – Victor Street Bible Chapel
- March 18-19 – Singles and Professionals Camp, Philippines (online)
- March 20 – Grace Community Church, Eugene, OR
- March 25 – Shasta Bible College, Redding, CA
- April 23 – Free Grace Alliance Regional, Trinity Bible Church, Allenwood, NJ
- April 24 – Pinelands Community Church, Little Egg Harbor, NJ
- June 26 – Victor Street Bible Chapel
- July 5-9 – Free Grace Alliance Regionals, Ghana
- July 10-15 – GraceLife Institute, Ghana



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What's Coming Up?

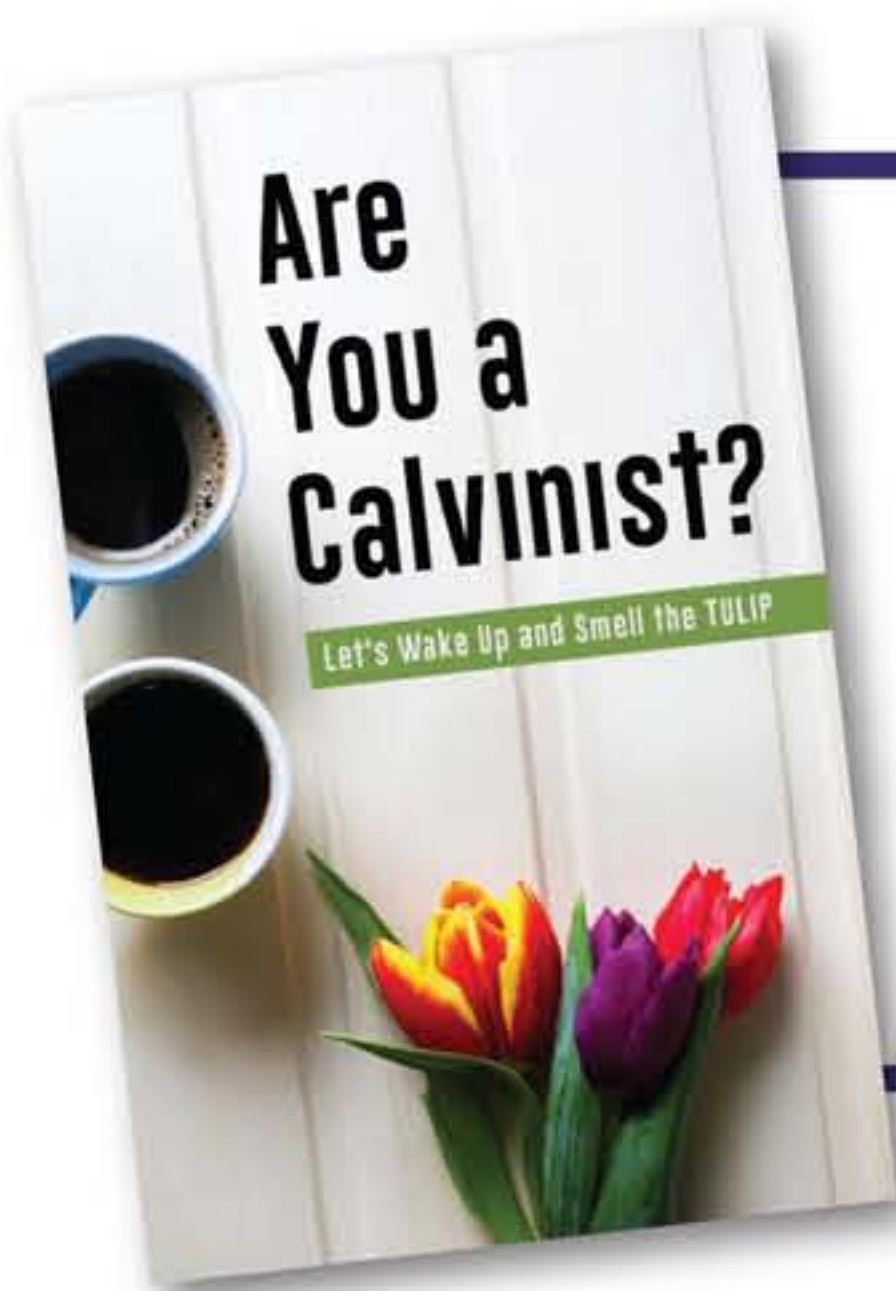
Philippines - Charlie will teach two classes: Hebrews and Interpreting Difficult Bible Passages on Salvation and Discipleship for Word of Life Bible Institute, Philippines. He will also speak at a Singles and Young Professionals Camp. This will be online March 8-19.

GraceLife Institute - In partnership with Ambassadors for Christ in **Ghana**, we resume GLI training *in country* with instructors Roger Fankhauser, Mark Haywood, Tim Hill, and Ron Hoffman. Host Fred Amoah Darko is arranging regular classes for 50 and a separate advanced class for graduates. Training is July 8-15.

Free Grace Alliance - In addition to regional conferences in the USA, Charlie will team with FGA president, Jeremy Vance, and Ghanaian FGA member, Barimah Kofi Kyei-Asare Baffour, to have two conferences in different regions of **Ghana** July 5-10. The **Annual FGA International Conference** is October 10-12 in Keller, Texas.

Honduras - GraceLife is partnering with World Baptist Missions Grace Seminary to teach pastors and leaders in country. We are helping provide instructors for four training weeks a year.

Please pray for God's Provision, Protection, and Power in these ministries with international impact!



Questioning Calvinism

We now have a second printing of the booklet *Are You a Calvinist?* This is a valuable resource that helps people evaluate Calvinist theology. It includes a biblical response to the TULIP acronym. Many who adopt Calvinist theology do not seem to fully grasp the implications of that system. It's a good idea to have a quantity of these booklets around and ready to give to those who would benefit from a brief explanation and biblical evaluation of Calvinism.

See the resources for sale in our bookstore at GraceLife.org.



Ministry in Focus



A number of people came to know Christ at Grace Bible Church's Wild Game Feed in Portage, WI (pastor Jeremy Edmondson). Victor Street Bible Chapel had a Christmas event for their Dallas neighborhood. Charlie spoke at Living Stones Fellowship Church, Dallas, pastor Arnold Wong. World Baptist Mission Grace Seminary in Honduras was led by pastor Juan Madariga, Sandy Cheves, Dale Crossman, and Ben Santamaria. Emmanuel Baptist Church in Starkville, MS, hosted a Free Grace Alliance Regional Conference with Charlie, Grant Hawley, Kenny Hodges, Bill Boggess, and pastor Everett McKibben.



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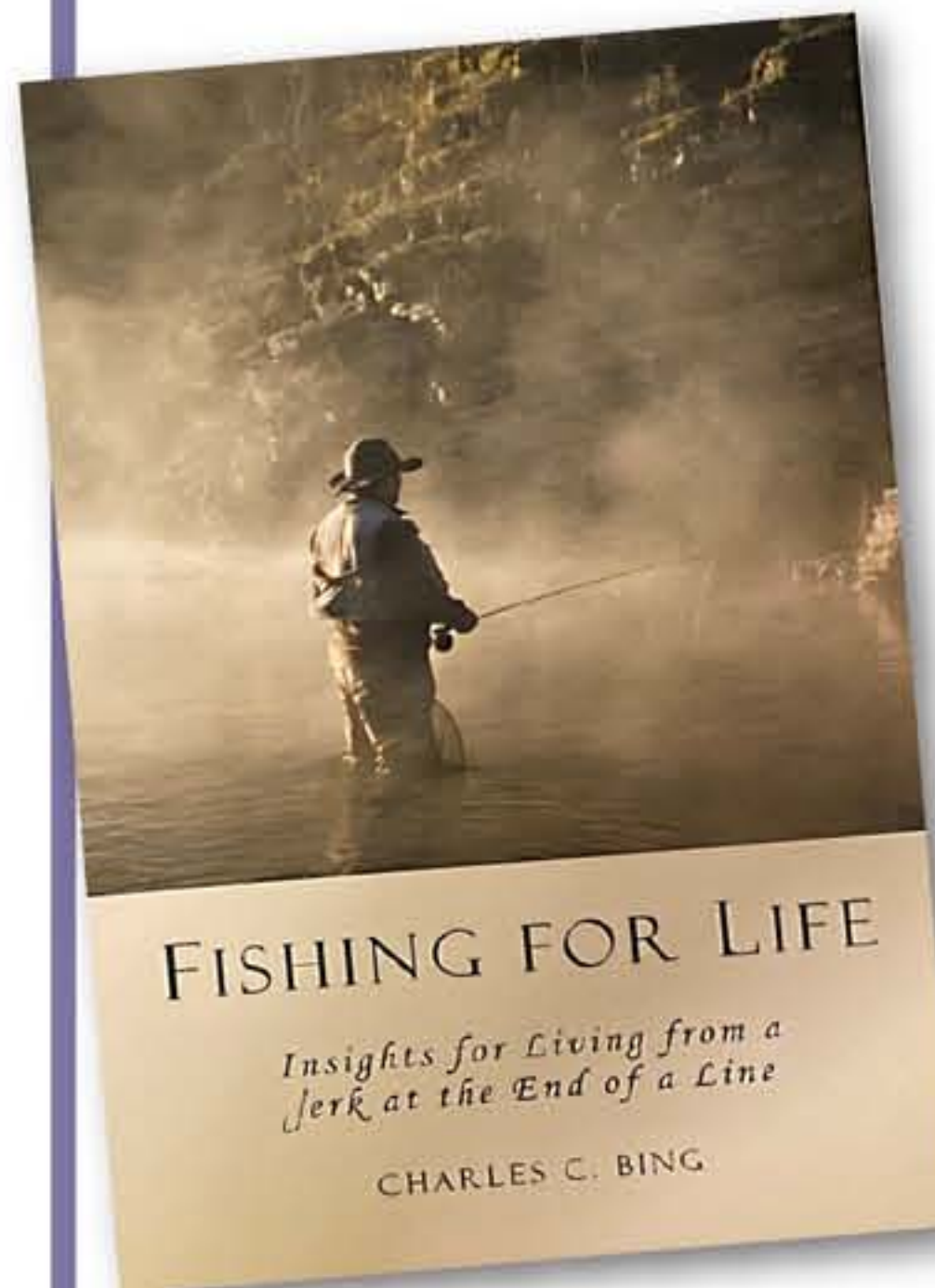


An Arizona priest, the Rev. Andres Arango, switched just one word in the thousands of baptisms he performed, and now the Catholic church says the slip made the rite invalid.

As a pastor, Arango said, "We baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit." He should have said, "I." The single error was massive, Catholic officials say. (NBCDFW.com 2/15/22)

Single error? Massive indeed!

Encouraging Words



From Amazon Reviews

i found this to be a very relaxing read, humorous and really good storytelling. interjections of spiritual things in life that really matter are presented in a manner that is neither preachy nor out of place. i felt as though i was getting to know the author and i liked him. He makes me want to fish. Thanks Charlie!

Kevin H.

Pure enjoyment. Even if you're not an avid fisherman, you'll enjoy these vignettes, and the simple yet profound truths that they illustrate. A great gift. Phil C.