

## JOHN MACARTHUR | GRACE TO YOU

A very special moment of this year's Convention was the induction of Bible teacher John MacArthur into the NRB "Hall of Fame." We asked John to share some personal reflections in view of this milestone:

**The first teacher that influenced my life** was my dad, Dr. Jack MacArthur. He was my pastor for all of the years of my life until I was in the ministry myself. He was the one who most influenced me—and in many ways. His total love for and trust in scripture had a huge impact on me. His diligence as a student—he read and read and read. I never had two conversations with him that were the same because he was always fresh, and was reading all of the time. His sense of diligence about interpreting scripture and preaching scripture had a huge impact on my life.

**What constrained me to "verse by verse" teaching** is that it's the only way to explain the scripture. That's the calling every minister has and what we're called to do—to pass on the Word of God and to tell people what it means by what it says—it's very simple. That's the top and bottom and side to side of ministry. What else is there but to explain the meaning of the revelation of God?

**What has been most encouraging about the Grace to You outreach** is what an appetite there is globally for teaching the Word of God. If you listen to the modern architects of ministry, you would think people don't want to hear scripture. They want to be

entertained; they want to be concertized to one degree or another. They want an emotional experience and they want some kind of a "high." Nothing really is being advocated today along the line of "let's get more serious, let's get deeper into the Word of God" and yet the hunger for that is amazing. It's staggering when you think that somewhere between 2 and 3 million sermons are downloaded from the Grace to You website every month. We're finding out there's an appetite for the Word of God and that's exciting!

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**I don't know that there's a particular book in the Bible that's my favorite**, but I think it would be the four Gospels because Jesus is my favorite person! That's why I'm so thrilled about "One Perfect Life". It takes the four Gospels and blends them into one perfectly

harmonized narrative. I'm just so thrilled to be able to provide that for people so they can read the story of Jesus in one story with all four Gospels blended together.

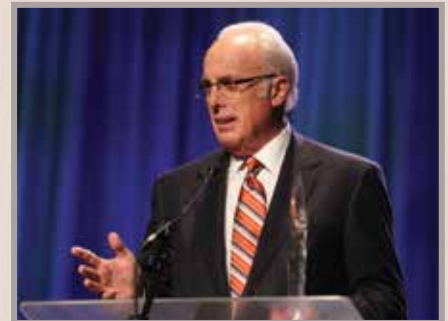
**I think what keeps me going with all my ministries** is my love for the Truth and any opportunity or avenue that I have to proclaim the Truth. It compels me because the Truth compels me—the truth of the Word of God.



Pictured here at NRB, the Ambassador and Grace to You teams, who have enjoyed nearly 30 years of relationship.



NRB's most prestigious award is presented for invaluable contribution to the field of Christian communications.



"At the end of the day, it's all a mercy. None of us is worthy," John said upon accepting the award.

**20 countries**

Founded by John MacArthur in 1969, the Grace to You media ministry now includes the daily radio program heard in over 20 countries in addition to extensive release via the internet and ministry website.

**40 years**

John has been pastor of Grace Community Church (Sun Valley CA) for more than 40 years and also serves as President of the Master's College and Seminary.

**400 books**

He's published more than 400 Christian books and study guides.

**15 grandchildren**

With his wife, Patricia, enjoys sharing life with four children and 15 grandchildren.

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