

"STUDENT TEACHES TEACHER"

*"Father God, we come to You confessing our sins:_____,_____.
Father, we thank You from the bottom of our hearts for all that You and
Your Word-Son have already done for us---and we thank You for recording
Your written Word revealing the many things that You will continue to do for
those of us willing to STOP, TURN TO YOU and learn and do Your Will over
and above our very own.*

*Today, cause others see Jesus in us.
And reveal Yourself and Truth to all newly elected officials!
We pray in Jesus' Name!"*

Matt 10:24- "A student is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the student to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master."

Well, these are the very words of Jesus Christ spoken about 2000 years ago, but He intended them for you and me in 2008. If He is our Savior, He is supposed to become our Lord and Master Teacher.

Thank God I chose to enroll in the School of Christ in the early 70's and daily "try my best" (even though I sometimes fall down) to use the spiritual truths He has taught me from hanging out with Him on a daily basis.

The absolute best decision we can make every day is to be sure we don't SKIP A SINGLE DAY AT HIS SCHOOL. He is waiting daily for His children to show up for class, and those who choose to come to Him He will instruct with Truth and Grace. Then, when the bell rings, we will leave His class room with power and joy that always accompanies God's Word-Son!

We will be able to go out and think, speak and act more like OUR MASTER.

2 Tim 2:20- In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble. If a man chooses to cleanse himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.

Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.

Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

Oh, this doesn't mean we won't have problems and questions as we deal with this evil world, but it does mean that He will supply us with answers that work. When we get our FINAL REPORT CARD we won't have to stand before Him wishing we had another 6 weeks.

(If we don't like what our report card looks like today we can change it--- starting today! HINT: Be prepared for a pop test, today!)

Today's emeal comes as little gift from a former Bible student of mine, a young man I came to know and love when I coached him in football long, long ago. Our Father placed us together, and quite frankly I don't know of a person that I have ever taught or coached that I think more highly of.

Travis got saved and took his salvation to college with him, choosing to obtain a doctorate in theology and choosing to practice his theology on just about everybody he daily encounters. Today he is strongly influencing his own students on a daily basis for Jesus Christ.

In fact, he is one of the rare exceptions to what Jesus said about "students not becoming better than their teacher!" He has gone beyond (way beyond) his childhood teacher.

Travis, I am so dad gum proud of you, boy! NEVER QUIT!

I assume that he had heard the sad beat of my wounded heart over the last few days in my emeals and sent the following letter to his old teacher last night! It's packed with JOY-FILLED POWER FOR LIVING TODAY!

I KNOW it will brighten all of your hearts just as it did mine last night!
(That is if you are indeed a God-pleaser and not a man-pleaser in a world of evil teasers.)

Here---read and heed these truth-filled words from one of my former students! And continue to pray that God continues to open doors for both Travis and I to take and teach JESUS to a spiritually very ignorant world starving for truth.

hey there,

not that you need this, but i felt compelled to encourage you in light of the disappointing results in the election.

from the divine viewpoint, GOD is still sovereign, on the throne, and quickening the hearts of those whom HE has chosen.

from the human viewpoint, i constantly see students becoming persuaded that there is a GOD through the rational evidence; and many at least see Christianity as a rational alternative. there is still hope that the gospel will take root among the young people of america, thereby securing a future for this great nation.

more importantly, the Word of GOD is sharper than any two-edged sword, and will not fail regardless of who is in power.

less importantly, though still significant, we need to see this as a cultural opportunity--the nations of the world currently hate america because of the failed policies of bush (e.g., the unjust iraq war), but are currently amazed at the peaceful transition of power taking place at this moment--quite rare, both historically and currently (in many countries, when a king or president dies, blood is inevitably shed). we should be proud to be americans at this hour. also, obama's election may do much to heal racial tensions; and it may do much to soften tensions between us and other countries. (just imagine a young african or older european or japanese person reading the paper or watching the news and seeing obama as the president of the USA! how could that not have a positive impact on their minds as they ponder how open, free and opportunistic this nation is?)

to be sure, i am concerned with his policies; and i am concerned with his past associations; and i am concerned about his inexperience. i know, for example, that his tax policies will generate about 35 billion dollars in revenue, though he is proposing about 2-3 trillion dollars in spending; so it seems to me that he will be forced to either break his promise to universalize health care, or be forced to cut some other program (thereby breaking another promise), or break his promise not to raise taxes on the middle class (i think i know which bridge he'll cross when he gets there). also, while i disagree with bush's decision to go into iraq, i agree with mccain that we must stay the course until we've won; and i think a quick withdrawal will create chaos in that region--something

tells me that, when he first meets with the joint chiefs, he will be persuaded to stay in iraq until it's truly over (i.e., until victory is achieved).

but in light of all that's been said, this simply cannot let me lose hope in the ultimate victory we have in Christ and/or the temporal victories Truth cannot but have in our day-to-day experiences.

... and i do confess that i myself have not prayed enough, nor have i showed enough love to my fellow man to make much of a difference. mccain's failure is our failure; and we are reaping what we've sowed.

i am making a vow to myself to stand behind my new president, pray that GOD guide his decisions in the right direction, critique him when he deserves it, and obey him as my leader (unless, of course, the law he seeks to enforce contradicts the clear testimony of scripture).

your son in Christ,

travis