

# November 2004: Vote Your Values

by Aaron Greenway

Normally, I do not mention politics, because my focus is on encouraging the Body of Christ. But being that tomorrow is the national election for president of the United States, I feel it is important to tell you how I feel about the current President, George W. Bush. The reason is, George Bush is a born again Christian, a brother in the Lord.

About a month ago, my church put up a message on their church message board that read, "Vote Your Values." What a profound statement! In the upcoming elections, we are given a clear choice between two points of view as it pertains to the president of the United States of America. Our two candidates, John F. Kerry, a senator from the state of Massachusetts; and George W. Bush, the current president. Tomorrow, you will vote for one or the other. As you go, please keep the following in mind.

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dictate how he governs, but instead how “I live my life.” The President is a brother in Christ, that believes in prayer, and seeks the Lord. I cannot remember the last time we had a president that was “not ashamed” and would speak his beliefs publicly.

Bush has shown his character in many ways. The first thing is that he is committed to defending this nation. We have a man who has cried with the victims of 9-11, a man who has done so much to help people in need and no one ever knew about it. He doesn't do it for the publicity. He does it because he cares about the people. For this reason, he will do whatever he has to do to make sure another 9-11 does not happen. Has the President done everything right? Absolutely not! He is human. But he believes in the core reason we are in Afghanistan and Iraq, to fight the terrorists there so we do not have to face them here. For twenty years prior, we dealt with terrorism as a defensive effort, responding only when they hit us. Presidents Carter, Reagan, Clinton and even Bush's father did not understand what the terrorists wanted to do: to annihilate every United States citizen. For those of you living outside this country, let me reiterate what I just said, the terrorists want every American dead! John Kerry has said he would only respond if we were hit. Bush, on the other hand, has said he will capture or kill the terrorists before they ever hit us. This is not politically expedient, because the world sees our self defense as an aggression. I don't see us having a choice, war against the terrorists or annihilation. We have a president who has and will make that judgment to protect us at all cost. I admire that!

Another thing that I support the President on is social issues in our country. The fabric of our society continues to be destroyed by those who want to redefine life and redefine family. The President has made it clear that he hopes to stop abortion as well as propose an amendment to protect the definition of marriage, a union between a man and a woman. No wonder the homosexual community and the proabortionists don't like the President very much.

We could go into all the economic things as well, like tax cuts, or into things like faith-based initiatives that gives churches and communities the ability to help and minister to those in their neighborhoods. But above all, this man loves and fears God. I believe he is the man for this time. The world may hate him, but Jesus said that we would be hated if we stood up for Him.

The National Media hates President Bush. Even more, the World Media hates President Bush, and have indoctrinated the people in many countries. They hate them because he is a Christian. And the media will do anything to get rid of him. They will not talk about Senator Kerry's terrible record in the Senate. They purposely report on forged documents (which is illegal!) to smear him. On November 2, vote your values. Your vote counts. If you live outside of this country, pray that God will honor the man who has honored Him.