

To whom it may concern,

Greetings in the strong name of Jesus Christ! On behalf of my classmates and myself, I would like to thank you for this opportunity to share with you our gratitude for this class and the chance to grow under the tutelage of Matt Timmons. I am so thankful to the Lord that He has provided a true servant of God to oversee this program. In a day where so many churches tolerate and even promote false teaching, I am so grateful to have a teacher who is grounded in the true foundational teachings of Scripture.

I would like to share with you what this class means to me and also the benefits associated with this class. First off, I look forward to this class all week. The time we spend on Wednesday night from 6-8 P.M. is my favorite time of the week. Here in prison we are exposed to a smorgasboard of "Christian" teaching. Quite frankly, it can be very frustrating to go and listen to a watered down gospel or one of the many perversions of the gospel that we are exposed to. This makes me feel as if I'm being starved. So, I really appreciate this time on Wednesday nights when I know I'm going to be fed. It is a definite blessing of God in my life. This blessing is awesome; however, that is not the truly good aspect of this class. The truly good aspect is that it teaches us to glorify God and to be blessings for others. After all, this is the reason we take classes like this, is it not?

The greatest benefit I see from this class is that it prepares us to fulfill the great commission that Jesus speaks about in Matthew 28. When most people hear about the great commission, they think of evangelizing. Evangelizing is part of it, but it is just the beginning. What it really means is to make disciples of nations which includes much teaching after evangelizing. This is where this class comes in. This class grounds us in the truth of Scripture and ~~teaches~~ teaches us to proclaim this truth that we learn through our many assignments, papers, and class sessions. As I mentioned earlier, we are exposed to a smorgasboard of teaching. As unedifying as

it is to me, it is even more devastating to the young believers here and to the men that are seeking God here. They naturally gravitate to these teachers that tickle their ears. This class is integral in our growth in dealing with this extremely sad truth. The truth of God's word is taught to us, and in turn we are able to teach these men the same. There really is a spiritual battle taking place and this class is instrumental in here. It does not stop here, though. Most of us will be out of here someday and will take what we've learned with us. It really has far reaching implications.

I realize there is a cost to this ministry, I want you to know it is greatly appreciated. I would like to encourage you in knowing it is not in vain. Great things are happening here. The Lord is moving and building up men to do His will. I humbly ask that you continue to support Matt and his efforts to obey God in making disciples of men. He has been amazing. He is always prepared and he is always ready to share the word. He is doing a great job and his zeal for the Lord is inspiring to me, as well as the rest of my classmates. Any future support will be put to good use. I thank you and I praise God for you. God bless you all!

Sincerely,

Jeff DeVore

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