

**“I Have A Candidate”**  
**Luke 4:18-19**

A great deal of the news today attempts to focus our attention on the 2008 elections in America. This year, many people seem to be having a very difficult time deciding on a candidate to support in the primaries and then in the November, 2008 elections. I must confess that I still count myself in that number of undecided voters. As I thought about this some time ago, I suddenly realized that I have decided on a candidate. I do have a candidate. I have a candidate that I will be supporting between now and November and a candidate I will continue to support no matter how the elections turn out in November, 2008.

Perhaps one way to introduce my candidate to you is to ask and answer some of the questions we normally ask of any candidate who is running for office.

1. What is my candidate’s platform? What does he stand for?  
Some time ago, I saw on television an interview of that outstanding news anchor named Walter Cronkite who is now advanced in years. Toward the end of that interesting interview, Mr. Conkrite was asked why he never ran for President of the U.S. since so many people were pushing him to run. In reply to that question he said something like this:

There was a year when both political parties – Democrat and Republican – requested conference time with me to discuss the possibility of my run for the presidency. I spent several hours with officials of both parties who constantly told me how easy it would be for me to get elected because of name recognition. **BUT THEY NEVER ASKED ME WHAT I STOOD FOR!** Because they never asked me that important question, I never ran for President.

My candidate does not leave any doubt about his platform – about what he stands for. He said:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

You talk about a platform! Here is one for all the ages!

2. What does my candidate promise to do for people? He makes many promises – more than I can deal with in one message, but one promise seems to sum them all up. My candidate said, “I am come that people might have life and that they might have it more abundantly.”

People want life, not superficial living but real life, abundant life. That's what my candidate promises to all who will exercise their freedom of choice and accept Him. And my candidate is different from so many (most) candidates who promise and never deliver. He keeps all His promises. What He promises to do He does.

3. Who is my candidate? He is Jesus Christ. He is none other than the very Son of God – the Savior and Lord of all who vote for Him and accept Him.

How do you vote for my candidate? By accepting Him by faith as your personal Savior and Lord.

In the midst of all the political turmoil of our day, I want to stand up and shout so that the whole world can hear! "Listen to me. I have a candidate. He is Jesus Christ. He and He alone is able to deal with the greatest issue of our day – indeed the greatest issue of the ages. That issue is SIN. Every person needs to vote for my candidate for "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

Oh yes, I have a candidate! He is Jesus Christ – my personal Savior and my Lord. And I'll send my life trying to get Him elected. Will you vote for Him today?

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