

Bringing Our Students Up to Who They Are

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (Revelation 1:5, 6)

How we teach your children is directly related to who we believe they are. What is their identity? Who are they? Are they born as a blank piece of paper waiting for us to write on them? Are they a higher form of animal life? Who are they?

Revelation 1 tells us that Christ loved and washed us and our children and made us kings and priests. That's who they are; they are kings and priests. But although you may be born a king, someone will need to train you to live and act like a king and also like a priest. God gave this job to moms and dads, and Coram Deo helps parents to train them to be who they are.

How can we know what a king should do? A king fights first and then rules. Before Christ was born, the angel said that He would be king. During His ministry Christ battled against the devil, against sickness, death, and finally on the cross overcame God's judgment for our sins.

As we train your children to be kings, we help them to know what they must conquer. They must overcome their feelings, their sinful thoughts and words, they must fortify their will, they learn to master their subjects. This is the role Christ has given them, and we want to direct and encourage them to win their battles.

As we follow Christ and urge our students to do the same, we find that fighting is tough. Of course; it was tough for Christ too. Before He could reign He suffered in the battle. "Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" (Luke 24:26) Christ now sits on the throne ruling. Before rule was battle, before glory was suffering. Should a disciple be above his master?

When Christ completed His work He went to heaven and presented His work to the Father. He did so as priest for the benefit and in the name of us, His people. Priestly work is offering. And so it is that we want all our students to be priests, to offer to the Lord all their victories, all their successes, all the triumphs, and all the benefits of their rule. The Lord gives struggles to us and to our children so we can win and offer up every sweet victory to our Lord. Jesus is cheering us all on towards the finish line, and when we cross it and get our trophy, we present it to our Savior. That's being a priest.

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