



# Café VEF Worship Service

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<b>Call to Worship</b>	<b>Psalm 147:1-5</b>
<b>Worship in Song</b>	<b>How Great is Our God</b>
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	<b>John 1:29-34</b>
<b>Worship in Song</b>	<b>I Need You More This I Believe</b>
<b>Announcements</b>	<b>Jims</b>
<b>Message</b> <i>“What do you want to be when you grow up?”</i>	<b>John Olson</b> <b>Isaiah 49:1-7</b>
<b>Benediction</b>	<b>John Olson</b>

## Questions for Group Discussion

1. What is something that you are thankful for this past week?
2. Do you have any questions about the message today?
3. What did God teach you?
4. Do you have any prayer requests?

**Question:** "How should we live our lives in light of our identity in Christ?"

**Answer:** Our identity in Christ is first and foremost one of newness. We are new creations in Christ ([2 Corinthians 5:17](#)). *Identity* is defined as “the collective aspect of the set of characteristics by which a thing is definitively recognizable or known,” so our new identity in Christ should be recognizable both to ourselves and to others. If we are “in Christ,” that should be evident, just as being “in the world” is equally evident. A further definition of *identity* is “the quality or condition of being the same as something else.” In the case of our identity in Christ, our lives should indicate that we are the same as Christ. The name “Christians” means literally “followers of Christ.”

In our new identity in Christ, we are no longer slaves to sin ([Romans 6:6](#)), but we are reconciled to God ([Romans 5:10](#)). This new identity completely changes our relationship with God and our families, just as it changes the way we see the world. Our new identity in Christ means we have the same relationship with God that Christ has—we are His children. God has adopted us as sons. We are able to call Him “Abba! Father!” ([Romans 8:15-16](#)). We are both joint heirs ([Galatians 3:29](#)) and friends ([John 15:15](#)) of Christ. And this relationship is even stronger than those we have with our earthly families ([Matthew 10:35-37](#)). Instead of fearing God as judge, we have the great privilege of coming to Him as our Father. We can approach Him with confidence and ask of Him what we need ([Hebrews 4:16](#)). We can ask for His guidance and wisdom ([James 1:5](#)) and know that nothing will take us from Him ([Romans 8:38-39](#)). We also rest in His authority and respond to Him with trusting obedience, knowing that obedience is a key part of remaining close to Him ([John 14:23](#)).

All of this is the ideal—the character of a mature follower of Christ. One of the greatest blessings about our identity in Christ is the grace we’re given in order to grow into the spiritual maturity that truly reflects our new identity ([Philippians 1:6](#)). Our lives in light of our identity in Christ are filled with a heavenly Father, a large, loving family, and the understanding that we are citizens of another kingdom and not of this earth.

For the full article go to - <https://www.gotquestions.org/identity-in-Christ.html>

# Announcements

The government requires that masks be worn while we are at church. Please wear a mask while you are at church (only removing it to eat).

There will be a special installation service for Pastor Tom during Café VEF on 1/31 with a reception to follow.

## Last Sunday's (1/3)

- Morning worship attendance – 101
- Afternoon worship attendance – 49
- Children's Sunday school attendance – 36

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## When You Grow Up

<https://www.insight.org/resources/daily-devotional/individual/when-you-grow-up>

"What do you want to be when you grow up?"

That's a favorite question we enjoy asking children. And the answers we get usually are "a police officer" or "a nurse" or maybe "a fire fighter." Some kids are visionary. They answer "a movie star" or "a singer" or "a doctor" or "a professional ball player." One recently told me he wanted to be either a car mechanic or a garbage collector. When I asked why, he gave the classic answer for a nine-year-old: "So I can get dirty!" I smiled as I had a flashback to my own childhood. And I understood.

Let's take that same question and ask it another way. Let's imagine asking Jesus Christ what He wants us to be when we grow up. Suddenly, it's a whole new question. I honestly believe He would give the same answer to every one of us: "I want you to be different . . . to be a servant." In all my life, I cannot recall anybody ever saying that when he grew up he wanted to be a servant.

It sounds lowly . . . humiliating . . . lacking in dignity.

We find it encouraging to think of ourselves as God's servants. I mean, who wouldn't want to be a servant of the King? But when it comes to serving other people, we begin to question the consequences. We feel noble when serving God; we feel humble when serving people. Serving God receives a favorable response; serving people (especially those who cannot repay) has no visible benefit or glory from anyone except from God!

Christ gave us the example: "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" ([Matthew 20:28](#)). To be a servant of God, we must be a servant of people.

In business and work, the concept of serving people must undergird all that we do. When we serve, we think first of the one we are trying to serve. Employees who serve honestly in their work honor God and deepen their value to their employers. On the other hand, self-serving employees will seldom be valued in any company.

***We feel noble when serving God, but humble when serving people where there's no visible benefit.***

— Charles R. Swindoll