



Café VEF Worship Service

(January 17th, 2021)

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| Call to Worship | Psalm 34:1-3 |
| Worship in Song | All Who Are Thirsty |
| Scripture Reading | Deuteronomy 7:6-12 |
| Worship in Song | Lord, I Need You I Sing a Simple Song of Love |
| Announcements | Jims |
| Message <i>"God's Plan for Every Church"</i> | Pastor Tom Curry John 13:34-35 |
| Worship in Song | I Surrender All |
| Benediction | Pastor Tom Curry |

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: "What does it mean to love one another?"

<https://www.gotquestions.org/love-one-another.html>

Answer: In [John 13:34](#) Jesus taught, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." Then He added, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (verse 35). How do we do this? What does it mean to love one another?

The "one another" in these verses is a reference to fellow believers. A distinguishing mark of being a follower of Christ is a deep, sincere love for brothers and sisters in Christ. The apostle John reminds us of this fact elsewhere: "He has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister" ([1 John 4:21](#)).

In giving this command, Jesus did something the world had never seen before—He created a group identified by one thing: love. There are many groups in the world, and they identify themselves in any number of ways: by skin color, by uniform, by shared interest, by alma mater, etc. One group has tattoos and piercings; another group abstains from meat; yet another group wears fezzes—the ways people categorize themselves are endless. But the church is unique. For the first and only time in history, Jesus created a group whose identifying factor is love. Skin color doesn't matter. Native language doesn't matter. There are no rules about diet or uniforms or wearing funny hats. Followers of Christ are identified by their love for each other.

The early church demonstrated the type of love Jesus was talking about. There were people in Jerusalem from all over the known world ([Acts 2:9–11](#)). Those who were saved got together and immediately began meeting each other's needs: "All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need" ([Acts 2:44–45](#)). This was love in action, and you can be sure it made an impression on the people of that city.

Jesus' statements in [John 13:34–35](#) raise a couple of other questions that may be good to answer. First, how does Jesus love? He loves unconditionally ([Romans 5:8](#)), sacrificially ([2 Corinthians 5:21](#)), with forgiveness ([Ephesians 4:32](#)), and eternally ([Romans 8:38–39](#)). At the same time, Jesus' love is holy—characterized by transcendent moral purity—because He is holy ([Hebrews 7:26](#)). The culmination of Christ's amazing love for us is His death on the cross, burial, and bodily resurrection ([1 John 4:9–10](#)). Believers are to love each other like that.

Second, how then can the believer in Christ love as Christ loved? The believer in Christ has the Holy Spirit living within him ([1 Corinthians 6:19–20](#)). By obeying the Spirit, through the Word of God, the believer can love like Christ does. He shows that unconditional, sacrificial, forgiving love to fellow believers, but it doesn't stop there. He also shows the love of Christ to friends, to family members, to coworkers, etc. ([Ephesians 5:18–6:4](#); [Galatians 5:16, 22–23](#)). Even enemies are the recipients of Christ's love (see [Matthew 5:43–48](#)).

Christ's love displayed through the believer is unlike the "love" generated by the flesh, which can be selfish, egotistical, unforgiving, and insincere. [First Corinthians 13:4–8](#) gives a wonderful description of what Christ's love will be like in and through the believer who walks in the Spirit.

People don't naturally love with a [1 Corinthians 13](#)-type love. To love like that, there must be a change of heart. A person must realize that he is a sinner before God and understand that Christ died on the cross and rose again to provide him forgiveness; then he must make the decision to accept Christ as his personal Savior. At that point he is forgiven by Christ and receives God's gift of eternal life—in fact, he becomes a participant in the divine nature ([2 Peter 1:4](#)). In Christ he knows that he is genuinely loved by God. The new life the believer receives includes a new capacity to love like Christ loves, for the believer now has living within him the unconditional, sacrificial, forgiving, eternal, and holy love of God ([Romans 5:5](#)).

To love one another is to love fellow believers as Christ loves us. Those who love like Christ in the Holy Spirit's power will give evidence that they are disciples, or learners, of Jesus Christ.

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).

Today there will be Mission Corner held at 3PM in L101.

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

There will be no Children's Sunday School on February 7th & 14th. There will be no Café VEF on February 14th – only the morning worship service at 9:00.

Last Sunday's (1/10)

- Morning worship attendance – 108
- Afternoon worship attendance – 41
- Children's Sunday school attendance – 38

How to pay tithes by Wire Transfer You can transfer your offerings to Victory's Postal account, the bank code is 700, follow by the account number - 0061021 0478485. Contact Pastor John at vefpastor@gmail.com or Yu-Hwa at yhwang217@yahoo.com.tw. Please make sure to contact one of them to make sure the money goes into the VEF account and transfer was properly made.

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