

IDENTIFIED WITH CHRIST *by John Cosper*

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: As a pastor lays out what it means to become identified with Christ, a new believer reconsiders his decision to be a Christian.

TIME: 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2M

THEME: Becoming identified with Christ

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Matthew 16:24

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Sermon Starter; can be used to explain what it means to be identified with Christ, or it can be used to show how some churches put too many burdens and expectations on new believers from the get-go.

CHARACTERS:

PASTOR
DOUG Weezer

PROPS: None

COSTUMES: Sunday morning attire for a pastor and visitor at your church.

SOUND: Two wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: Your Church

DIRECTOR'S TIP: This skit is definitely NOT to be used as a stand alone piece. It was written to reflect the struggle of the modern seeker who, while attracted to the message of Christ, is torn because of his/her worldview. People want to be saved, but they want to be saved on their terms. It is possible that some believers will find this offensive, especially near the end, but they need to understand how the world views the prospect of surrendering to Christ as we know it.

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The PASTOR enters in front of the stage, as if actually introducing a new member to the church. DOUG is seated in the front row.

PASTOR: Brothers and sisters, it is always a joy to welcome a new member into the family of God. Today we welcome one who has come to commit his life to Christ. He has renounced his life of sin, died to the world, and been resurrected with Christ. Please give a warm hand to Doug Weezer.

DOUG stands.

PASTOR: Congratulations, Doug.

DOUG: Thanks, pastor.

PASTOR: Doug, the very name “Doug” is a human name, one your parents gave you.

DOUG: Actually, it was my friend Kenny in first grade. My real name is Milton.

PASTOR: Regardless, today you take on a new name. You take on the name of Christ.

DOUG: You mean my name is Christ Weezer?

PASTOR: *(Shrugs)* Or Doug Christ.

DOUG: I’ll have to change my driver’s license.

PASTOR: From now on, you will be identified with Christ. You will bear his name, and you will carry His message to all the world.

DOUG: Okay.

PASTOR: You are a living testimony that there is a God above who loves us.

DOUG: Yep.

PASTOR: You are a shining example of what happens when God take a sinner, plunges him in the waters of baptism, and raises him to new life.

DOUG: Amen to that.