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## Received

*He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.  
John 10:3*

### ***Discovered or Received?***

"Born this way," is a way of expressing several ideas in today's culture.

One is that all should be accepted as they are no matter what. The second is everyone needs to make the effort to discover who they really are. I would like to take a different angle on this idea. I do believe that everyone should be accepted just as they are. However, some things about our lives are discovered and some are received. Our abilities, talents, preferences, personality type, etc. are things that are discovered. Surveys and questionnaires are designed to help us discover these aspects of our lives. Our identities, who we really are, will not be discovered. They are received.

### ***He Calls His Own Sheep By Name***

One of the deepest, most profound things Jesus gives to us is our identity.

He calls us by name. He loves us no matter what. He creates us in His image. All of this is received. Part of encountering and following Jesus is knowing somewhere in the depths of our souls that He has called us by name. How is He doing that right now with you? How is He asking you to follow after Him when He calls your name? David Lomas in his excellent book [The Truest Thing About You](#) says your identity is the truest thing about you. What Jesus is telling you right now about who you really are is the truest thing about you.

## Coming Attractions

***Sunday, May 11, 2014*** worship at 10:00am. No pot luck this week.

***Wednesday, May 14, 2014*** vestry meeting at 6:00pm

***Sunday, May 18, 2014*** worship at 10:00am. Pot luck to follow. Doug Burgoyne guest celebrant.

### ***Centerville Circle of Prayer***

For CD's Barbecue that business would increase and many would benefit from the convenience of this location.

### ***Diocese of Virginia***

Congregations and clergy of Christ Church, Glen Allen; Grace, Kilmarnock; St. Paul's Memorial, Charlottesville.

### ***Metropolitan Richmond***

For all pastors, missionaries, and servants of Christ; for all religious communities, abbeys, orders, brotherhoods, sisterhoods, religious societies, and para-church organizations.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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