

SERMON NOTES FOR SUNDAY – DECEMBER 13, 2009
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TITLE: “God Is Absent Minded”

TEXT: Psalm 103:10-12

INTRODUCTION: So much of the Christian emphasis deals with what we do rather than what we are. Many are looking for a word which might ignite a flame of reality and new life within. We have such a word. It is at the point of His forgiving, person-centered love where this word begins.

I: A NEW SELF-IMAGE

God says that if you know Christ in a personal way, every sin you have ever committed, is totally and completely forgiven (Hebrews 10:10). If this is not understood, there will be characteristics that contradict where we should be in Christ.

1. Low image of ourselves ... WHY?

- a) We think God is down on us
- b) We appear to be afraid of God, rather than boldly in love with Him

2. Achievement centered life

- a) Much of our orientation in life is this way
- b) God says that He will take us as we are ... no performances needed

II: FREEDOM FROM GUILT

1. Notice

- a) Guilt is such a screaming thing ... forgiveness is so quiet
- b) Guilt originates from the lingering accusations of Satan so we tend to turn our attention to the accuser who condemns, rather than to Christ Who forgives
- c) God has not left us to operate on the basis of human emotion

2. Our identity with Christ is no longer one of CONDEMNATION, but one of COMMENDATION

CONCLUSION: The point of this message

LET’S STOP LIVING SIN-CENTERED LIVES, AND BEGIN LIVING CHRIST-CENTERED LIVES! THE HOLY SPIRIT FREES US TO FORGET OUR SINS AND DEPEND UPON JESUS CHRIST FOR OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.