

Communion Meditation – Psalm 32

Psalm 32.5

Confession and Forgiveness

August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**vss 1 - 4 ~ Forgiven but Ashamed & Attempting to Hide Sins**

- **v1-2** ~ Being forgiven is great blessing / Yet we attempt to hide sins
- **v3-4** ~ Hiding sin causes us to waste away / God unwilling to indulge us in it
- Made in God's image / not made to contain / condone sin

**vs 5a ~ "I acknowledged my sin to You" / PAST action**

- David stopped running / stopped hiding / stopped excusing / **stopped**...
- **Ps 46.10** ~ "Be still and know that I am God"
  - Our frenetic energy cannot save us / cannot free us from the snare of sin
  - !!!: Chinchillas being held to chest when scared

**vs 5b ~ "And my iniquity I have not hidden" / PRESENT reality**

- "*Here I am Lord in all my ugliness . . . I can't hide from You.*"
- **Pro 28.13** ~ "He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy."
  - We excuse this type of behavior "*hiding*" because we regard it as normal
    - We're embarrassed by non-conformity / by anything unusual
    - !!!: Ripping crotch seam in pants in 1<sup>st</sup> grade
- **Read Jer 8.12** ~ Embarrassment is normative / But the truth must prevail

**vs 5c ~ "I will confess My transgressions to the Lord" / FUTURE plan**

- This is a commitment to do things differently . . .
- "*I will not allow my relationship with God to suffer due to my pride*"
- NOTE what's not said, "*I will never sin again . . . I will never do this again . . .*"

**vs 5d ~ "And You forgave the iniquity of my sin"**

- **Read Ex 25.22b** ~ God's mercy seat is atop the ark that contains the Law
  - God's Law is wrapped / enshrouded by His mercy
  - **Ps 103.13-14** ~ "As a father pities his children, So the LORD pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust."

**The New is in the Old Concealed / The Old is in the New Revealed . . . SAME**