



SOUTHBRIDGE  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

**Easter 2009: "Getting It Right"**

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**\* Great Question: How can I celebrate this Easter in a way that would bring great \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God?**

**Luke 15:1-7, 10 (NLT)**

*Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. <sup>2</sup> This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them! <sup>3</sup> So Jesus told them this story: <sup>4</sup> "If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. <sup>6</sup> When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' <sup>7</sup> In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away! <sup>10</sup> In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents."*

**Six Absolutes for Everyone**

**1. Everybody wants to be \_\_\_\_\_.**

**2. Everybody wants their life to \_\_\_\_\_.**

**3. Many people carry a load of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**4. Many people are burdened with \_\_\_\_\_ and unforgiveness.**

**5. There is a universal fear of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**6. No matter how successful or wealthy, life is \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_.**

**I Peter 2:9 (NLT)**

*But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.*

**II Peter 3:9 (NIV)**

*The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*

**Personal Action Steps**

- Am I willing to take the "Great Question" to heart? In what way?
- How can the "Six Absolutes" help me share God's love with those in my life?
- Do I need Christ to help me get my focus right? Luke 15  
**His love for me is amazing!**