

Two Pockets

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There is an old Jewish story¹ in which everyone is commanded to wear a coat with two pockets to receive messages from God. In one pocket a paper has written: You are nothing but an infinitesimal speck in the universe. In the other pocket a paper says: I made the universe just for you.

As Christians we have these messages given to us at a new level, where they are changed to, "You are sinners and have no intrinsic value²," and "I loved you enough to die for you³".

Christ hangs on the cross in between these two extremes and acts as a bridge between the vast chasm of emptiness without God and His personal, loving, parental touch. By embracing Christ we are able to cross from the void into God's Grace and Presence. We celebrate that Grace by coming close to Him through this communion with Him through symbols of His sacrifice: His Body and Blood.

1. If you want to walk on water, you've got to get out of the boat, Ortberg, John, p. 59
2. Romans 3:23
3. John 3:16

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