

KNOWN: Redeemed

Psalm 139:17-24

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” - Psalm 139:23-24 NIV

Can you think of a time where you did something that you didn't want anyone else to know about? Sometimes we do things that we know are wrong and hurtful to other people. Sometimes we don't even know that those things will hurt others, but they do. It doesn't feel good when someone finds out what we've done. Sometimes it is scary because we don't know what that person will do.

God knows everything we have done because he created us and knows us. That is sometimes a scary thing to realize, especially when we have done things that he wouldn't like. Just like when we do things and don't want other people to know about it, we definitely don't want God knowing it. When we sin, do we need to worry about God moving us from the “nice” list to a “naughty” list?

Although we deserve to be punished for what we do wrong, God has sent his son Jesus to become the sacrifice for us. John 1:12 says “to those who believed in his (Jesus') name, he gave the right to become children of God.” We no longer are known to God as a sinner who has done things wrong, but because of Jesus, we are now children of God.

As children of God, we are called to live a life full of love. Just as God has shown immense love to us, Jesus commands us to love each other. We love our neighbors not because it will get us a spot back on the “nice” list, but because we want to show others the love which God has shown to us. Now that we are fully known by God and grow in our knowledge of him, we can share that knowledge with others.

Let's pray:

Dear God, Thank you for knowing us. Thank you even more for not leaving us in our sinful state but for sending your Son to pay the price for our sin. We love you. Amen.

