

The One Who Knows Us

Psalm 139

Review:

1. While our Mothers love us just the way we are, God designed each one of us to bear His image
2. God sees and knows everything we do, and yet forgives us because of the sacrifice of Christ
3. God governs all the circumstances of our lives, and carries out His judgment on the wicked in His way, in His time.
4. Instead of trying to understand everything about God and His ways, we are called to trust Him in humility.

Go Further: Read Colossians 1:12-23

1. What has the Father qualified us to do? What do you think this inheritance includes?
2. According to verse 13, from where has the Father delivered us? In Whose kingdom do we now reside?
3. According to verse 14, what two things do we gain from being joined to Christ by faith?
4. In what two ways does Paul describe Jesus in verse 15?
5. What does Paul say was created through Jesus in verse 16? Why does Paul say these things were created?
6. According to verse 17, what important job does Jesus do for everything in the universe?
7. According to verse 18, what role does Jesus play in the church?
8. Paul says that Jesus is the first-born from the dead. What do you think this means will happen to the rest of His people after we die?
9. According to verse 18, is anyone or anything more important than Jesus?
10. According to verse 20, how has Jesus reconciled everyone to Himself?
11. According to verse 21, how did we think and act before we were reconciled to God?
12. According to verse 22, what is the effect of being reconciled to God?
13. According to verse 23, what is essential for us to be reconciled to God?
14. What does Paul warn us not to move away from?

Apply:

1. Paul says Jesus was the One through Whom everything was made. How does knowing that Jesus has such power affect your faith? What can you trust Jesus to do?
2. Paul says that Jesus has reconciled us to God so that we might be holy and blameless. What changes do you need to make in your life that you might live more consistently in this sort of holiness?
3. Paul warns us that we must hold on to the hope of the gospel. What situations are currently sapping your hope? How can meditating on the power of God (Psalm 139) and the creating and redeeming work of Christ (Colossians 1) increase your hope?