

**2 Corinthians 5:14** Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life.\* <sup>15</sup> He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup> So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! <sup>17</sup> This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

<sup>18</sup> And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. <sup>19</sup> For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" <sup>21</sup> For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin,\* so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

**John 1:12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

## How would knowing your “real value” change the way you think about yourself?

### Psalm:139

*For the choir director: A psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, you have examined my heart  
and know everything about me.  
<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down or stand up.  
You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.  
<sup>3</sup> You see me when I travel  
and when I rest at home.  
You know everything I do.  
<sup>4</sup> You know what I am going to say  
even before I say it, Lord.  
<sup>5</sup> You go before me and follow me.  
You place your hand of blessing on my head.  
<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
too great for me to understand!  
  
<sup>7</sup> I can never escape from your Spirit!  
I can never get away from your presence!  
<sup>8</sup> If I go up to heaven, you are there;  
if I go down to the grave,\* you are there.  
<sup>9</sup> If I ride the wings of the morning,  
if I dwell by the farthest oceans,  
<sup>10</sup> even there your hand will guide me,  
and your strength will support me.  
<sup>11</sup> I could ask the darkness to hide me  
and the light around me to become night—  
<sup>12</sup> but even in darkness I cannot hide from you.  
To you the night shines as bright as day.  
Darkness and light are the same to you.

<sup>13</sup> You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body  
and knit me together in my mother's womb.  
<sup>14</sup> Thank you for making me so wonderfully  
complex!  
Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I  
know it.  
<sup>15</sup> You watched me as I was being formed in utter  
seclusion,  
as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.  
<sup>16</sup> You saw me before I was born.  
Every day of my life was recorded in your book.  
Every moment was laid out  
before a single day had passed.  
  
<sup>17</sup> How precious are your thoughts about me,\* O  
God.  
They cannot be numbered!  
<sup>18</sup> I can't even count them;  
they outnumber the grains of sand!  
And when I wake up,  
you are still with me!  
  
<sup>19</sup> O God, if only you would destroy the wicked!  
Get out of my life, you murderers!  
<sup>20</sup> They blaspheme you;  
your enemies misuse your name.  
<sup>21</sup> O Lord, shouldn't I hate those who hate you?  
Shouldn't I despise those who oppose you?  
<sup>22</sup> Yes, I hate them with total hatred,  
for your enemies are my enemies.  
  
<sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.  
<sup>24</sup> Point out anything in me that offends you,  
and lead me along the path of everlasting life.