

How Jesus Renews Our Minds

Imagine you are at an event you really don't want to attend. As you mingle with others, you see co-workers, your boss, friends, or family, and unbeknownst to you, all your thoughts scroll across your forehead for everyone to read. The idea that our thoughts might be made known to others is embarrassing and frightening. And yet it happens every day. As God, Jesus has the attribute of omniscience, or all-knowingness, and knows all our thoughts and the matters of our hearts. **Luke 5:22:** *But Jesus, aware of their thoughts, responded and said to them, “Why are you thinking this way in your hearts?”* God is sovereign over His creation, whether visible or invisible, and all-knowing. **Psalms 139:4-5:** *“Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, Lord, You know it all. You have encircled me behind and in front and placed Your hand upon me.”* His omniscience should motivate us to guard our hearts and monitor our thoughts.

Proverbs 4:23: *“Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life.”*

Jesus' omniscience should also be a great source of comfort: He knows our hearts' needs before we express them in prayer. Jesus told us, **Matthew 6:8:** *“So do not be like them {gentiles}; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.”* When we receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior, our sins are washed away, our minds are renewed, and we become children of God.

Psalms 19:14: *“May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, Lord, my rock and my Redeemer.”* The only way to replace the error in the world's way of thinking is to replace it with God's truth, and the only infallible source of God's truth is His revealed Word, the Bible. Transformation through renewed minds comes as we expose ourselves to God's Word. God loves us very much, which is why He sent His only Son to die in our place. Therefore, we should be glad, not afraid, that Jesus knows our thoughts. On the basis of our faith, we can rest secure in Him, knowing His promises never fail us. He has known us from eternity and before creation, and has known where we would appear in the course of time. He even foresaw our sin in all its ugliness and depravity, yet in love He set His seal upon us and drew us into that love in Jesus Christ. **Ephesians 1:3:** *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.”* Let's make today our best day! Give it our all in everything we say and do. Live with confidence, knowing that the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, is rooting for us every second of every day. Don't listen to the world's negative messages; let's keep our eyes fixed on the Cross.