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2 Timothy 2:19
**The Promise and Obligation of
Being Known By God**

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The Problem

2 Timothy 2:17-18
and their talk will spread like
gangrene. Among them are
Hymenaeus and Philetus, 18 men
who have gone astray from the truth
saying that the resurrection has
already taken place, **and they upset
the faith of some.**

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The Remedy

2 Timothy 2:19
Nevertheless, the firm **foundation** of
God stands, having this **seal**, **“The
Lord knows those who are His,”** and,
“Everyone who names the name of
the Lord is to abstain from
wickedness.”

Numbers 16:5 LXX
And he spoke to Korah and all his
assembly, saying, **“God has visited and
known those that are his...”**

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The Parallel

Numbers 16	2 Timothy 2:19
Moses	Paul
Korah’s rebellion	False teachers
God knows His own	God knows His own
Separate yourself	Separate yourself
God judged	God will judge

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Applications

1. We must understand our unique privilege of belonging to God by His gracious choice.
2. We must understand our unique obligation in separating ourselves from the world because we belong to God.

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Two Choices

1. **I chose God**: Grace + works
2. **God chose me**: Grace alone

John 15:16
You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.

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God Knows Us Intimately

Romans 8:29

For those whom He **foreknew**, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren...

Genesis 4:1 ESV

Now Adam **knew** Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD."

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The Lord Knows His Own

Jeremiah 1:4-5

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, 5 "Before I formed you in the womb I **knew you**, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."

1 Corinthians 8:2-3

If anyone supposes that he knows anything, he has not yet known as he ought to know; 3 but if anyone loves God, **he is known by Him**.

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We Can't Turn Back

Galatians 4:9

But now that you have come to know God, or rather to **be known by God**, **how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things**, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again?

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Our Call to Be Separate

2 Peter 1:10

Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; **for as long as you practice these things**, you will never stumble...

Faith, moral excellence, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, **love**.

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