

“Beethoven”

Do you know Him?

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"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'" (Matthew 7:21-23)

How many people sitting in the pews of our churches are headed to Hell that don't even know it? They're not "bad" people. For one, they do go to church. For another, they know their Bible. They can quote verses from memory and repeat the classic stories of the Old Testament verbatim. They can even give you a good list of the miracles performed by Jesus Christ. They know everything there is to know about Jesus, but they are lacking in one thing: They do not know Him!

There is a qualitative difference between knowing about someone and knowing someone. A hockey fan, for example, can learn a great deal about Wayne Gretzky. He can read books, read Wikipedia, watch game films, watch interviews, and gather information from literally hundreds of sources. He can amass enough knowledge of Wayne Gretzky to write volumes of books about him. But all of that knowledge is no substitution for knowing Wayne Gretzky himself.

One of the distinguishing characteristics of Christianity is the fact that we can get to know Jesus in a personal, real way. What's more, Christ WANTS us to know him. He's not a distant figure from the past, lost forever. He is alive, and he is at work in our every day lives. We can know Jesus as our Savior, our Lord, and our friend. But too many people settle for knowing about Jesus instead.

Jesus doesn't want to be studied. He wants to be loved. Ask Jesus to reveal himself to you, and you will not be disappointed. He's waited a long time to meet you.

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