

## Because I Knew You, I Have Been Changed

Without giving away the plot of the most recent *Wicked* movie<sup>1</sup>, the song that brings people to tears features the lyrics, “Because I knew you, I have been changed. For Good.” My thoughts immediately went beyond the movie to our relationship with Jesus Christ. We are changed if we know Jesus.

There is a difference between “knowing about Jesus” and “knowing Him.” It is academic to merely know *about* him. (We don’t even need to capitalize the “H” in “him.) There are lots of things in life that we merely know about. Knowing about something might get you points on Jeopardy, but it won’t make a difference in our lives. To *really* know Him is to establish a relationship, which will lead to a change in us.



As we establish a relationship and truly know Jesus Christ, we move beyond mere facts that we could read in a textbook. Instead, we come to understand Him through the Bible. He becomes the one you call first with triumphs and in times of disaster. When we go to the Lord in prayer, we realize and seek His transformational power. We feel the intimacy of His presence in our lives, not only during the peaceful times, but also during challenging times. We trust Him, seek intimate communion, and become reliant on Him for how we respond to life’s events. He becomes our constant companion. As a result, we want to become like Jesus. It is life-changing because we are no longer the same person we were before we came to really know Him.

The final lyrics in the song from the movie are, “For Good.” Our relationship with Jesus Christ changes us forever and puts us on the yellow brick road toward heaven. We don’t need the wizard to get us where we want to go. It won’t be Kansas, either.

My prayer for you is that you will come to know Him and be changed – for good.

**The Bible Says:** *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” 2 Corinthians 5:17*

*“Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:2.*

**Questions:** How has knowing Jesus changed your life? What additional changes are possible as you get to know Him more?

**Closing Prayer:** Most gracious, Heavenly Father. We turn our lives over to you. Change us into the person you want us to be. Let us be changed “for good,” so we can spend eternity with You. Amen.

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<sup>1</sup> Song and movie reference is from [Wicked: For Good](#), showing in theatres now.