

# More About Jesus

*Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Pet. 3:18*

- 1. More a - bout Je - sus would I know, More of His grace to oth - ers show,  
 - 2. More a - bout Je - sus let me learn, More of His ho - ly will dis - cern;  
 3. More a - bout Je - sus; in His Word, Hold - ing com - mun - ion with my Lord,  
 - 4. More a - bout Je - sus on His throne, Rich - es in glo - ry all His own,

More of His sav - ing full - ness see, More of His love who died for me.  
 Spir - it of God, my teach - er be, Show - ing the things of Christ to me.  
 Hear - ing His voice in ev - 'ry line, Mak - ing each faith - ful say - ing mine.  
 More of His king - dom's sure in - crease, More of His com - ing - Prince of Peace.

*Refrain*

More, more a - bout Je - sus, More, more a - bout Je - sus;

More of His sav - ing full - ness see, More of His love who died for me!

TEXT: Eliza E. Hewitt  
 MUSIC: John R. Sweney

SWENEY  
 L.M. with Refrain

*Optional choral ending* *decesc. rit.*

O to be , like Thee, Bless - ed Re - deem - er, I want to be like Je - sus, my Lord.

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**Words:** Eliza Edmunds Hewitt (b. June 28, 1851; d. Apr. 24, 1920)

**Music:** *Sweney*, by John Robson Sweney (b. Dec. 31, 1837; d. Apr. 10, 1899)

This simple song repeats the word “more” twenty-six times (including the four refrains).

Though its emphasis is different, it has this in common with Philip Bliss’s *More Holiness Give Me*. For some, this may make Hewitt’s song trite, but the repetition certainly makes a point. Contrast the spiritual person with the secular materialist for a moment.

All the materialist wants is *more*—more of the things of this world, more money, more acquisitions, more possessions. The spiritual person (as the Bible defines this), hungers to know more of God, and all that pertains to the spiritual and eternal world.

As the Christian is one who is rightly related to Christ, so the spiritual person is rightly related to the Holy Spirit. That is, he is walking in the Spirit (Gal. 5:16, 25), submissive to and empowered by the Holy Spirit. The spiritual person is not necessarily fully mature, but he is definitely heading in that direction. He is teachable and growing in his Christian life (contrast I Cor. 2:9-16 with I Cor. 3:1-3).

Could we not say that the more of his kind of “mores” the first individual has, the more hardened and entrenched is his secularism and materialism? And that the more “mores” the spiritual person has in the other direction, the more Christlike he is? What a thoughtful compendium of the latter Eliza Hewitt gives us! She longs:

To know more about the Lord Jesus  
To show more of His grace to others  
To experience more of His saving fullness  
To understand more of His love  
To discern more of His will

With regard to the latter, the author is clear on a number of important things. In CH-2 and 3, she reminds us that it is the indwelling Holy Spirit who teaches us (Jn. 16:13-14; I Cor. 2:10), giving enlightenment as we study God’s Word. By the Spirit, we actually hold communion with the Lord, and we are empowered to appropriate the truths found in the Scriptures.

Finally, the hymn points us to Christ, our great High Priest, on the throne of God (Heb. 4:14-16), and to the resources of heaven that are ours through prayer (Phil. 4:6, 19). Hewitt wants to know more about Christ’s kingdom (Matt. 6:10) and more about His coming reign (Isa. 9:6-7). That is a meaningful hymn!

CH-1) More about Jesus would I know,  
More of His grace to others show;  
More of His saving fullness see,  
More of His love who died for me.