

## 80. *Petunia and Kylie*



An outstanding gave the famous cellist, Yo Yo Ma, yet ailing cellist, Jacqueline Du Pre who could not continue due to MS. This magnificent cello was made in 1773 and is of great worth. A young admirer of Yo Yo's music approached him after a class and asked him did he have a name for his cello. Ma replied, "No, but if I play for you, will you name it?" She chose *Petunia* and from that time on the name stuck. Nigel Kennedy the brilliant virtuoso violinist has named his Stradivarius violin "Kylie" after the Australian pop star, "because she sounds great and is perfectly formed".

The Bible records that your name is precious to God, you are not just one of the billions of people on the planet, and you are loved as though you were the only one. Your very name is carved onto God's hands, not that He needs reminding of your activities and needs. In God's hands you can be like a precious classical instrument. Brilliant music can be made through you, so that people are powerfully affected. Your "music" may just be the listening presence you bring, the prayers you offer, the behind the scenes work you contribute, the finances you donate. Or perhaps it's something more prominent you do in the community where God has placed you. Your name is important in heaven. For God so loved YOU, that he gave his only begotten son, Jesus to be the heroic sacrifice that opens the door to a wonderful life on earth -and an indescribable life with Him in heaven. You are an instrument of growing power and prowess in the loving hands of our Abba father God.

*See, I have written your name on the palms of my hands.*

**Isaiah 49:16**

*"I'll make each conqueror a pillar in the sanctuary of my God, a permanent position of honor. Then I'll write names on you, the pillars: the Name of my God, the Name of God's City—the new Jerusalem coming down out of Heaven—and my new Name.*

**Revelation 3:12**

*Let me set this before you as plainly as I can. If a person climbs over or through the fence of a sheep pen instead of going through the gate, you know he's up to no good—a sheep rustler! The shepherd walks right up to the gate. The gatekeeper opens the gate to him and the sheep recognize his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he gets them all out, he leads them and they follow because they are familiar with his voice. They won't follow a stranger's voice but will scatter because they aren't used to the sound of it.*

**John 10:1**

*The Son stands first in the line of humanity he restored. We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in him. After God made that decision of what his children should be like, he followed it up by calling people by name. After he called them by name, he set them on a solid basis with himself. And then, after getting them established, he stayed with them to the end, gloriously completing what he had begun.*

*Romans 8:29*

*"All right. Just as you say; this also I will do, for I know you well and you are special to me. I know you by name.*

**Ecclesiastes 33:17**

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only beloved son, so whoever believes in Him will have eternal life.*

**John 3:16**

<http://www.jesusanswers.com/names/christian.htm>

Choosing a name for your child

<http://www.cello.org>

Biographies of famous cellists and internet cello links

<http://www.yo-yoma.com/>

Home page of this great player

<http://www.jacquelinedupre.net/>

Jacqueline du Pre home web site

<http://www.nigelkennedy.de/>

German website about Nigel Kennedy