

# Jesus Loves Me This I Know

“Looking at him Jesus loved him...”

Mark 10:21

One of the twentieth centuries greatest theologians was asked what was the most profound truth he had discovered with all of his studies and education. His response was effortless and quickly he replied, “The greatest truth I have ever discovered is this; Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so.”

In life our faith can be shaken to the core by God’s ‘mysterious way’ – to quote dear mad William Cowper. We need to grow the roots of our faith deep in this remarkable doctrine of the Saviour’s eternal and faithful love for His sheep. This is the greatest bedrock upon which to build a life of service to the Lord Jesus Christ.

We delight in the good times to meditate on the wonders of the One Who is the Resurrection and the Life. Reading John 10 we marvel at the self-sacrificing Good Shepherd Who willingly laid down His life for the sheep that He might

take it again. Such majestic thoughts lift us to the heavens.

But in sorrow’s dark hour where do we flee for help? What do we say in the dark times that so easily cloud our thinking and confuse our thoughts? Such times quickly show us the strength of our faith, or such times demonstrate to us that our faith is shallow and sadly in need of help.

During pleasant seasons of life it is vital that we store up Scripture in our hearts and develop a strong, consistent prayer life. When it is easy to sing God’s praise we need to sing heartily and attentively the grand truths of the words in the hymns. We ought to be busy ministering grace into the lives of others like widows and the fatherless (James 1:27).

Then, when a storm clouds our horizon and we almost lose our way, we shall be able to fall on the mercies of the Lord and comfort ourselves with the Scrip-

tures we used to minister grace to others.

Are you grounding yourself in Scripture today? Do you delight in the exceedingly great and precious promises of the Word of God? (2 Peter 1:4) Are you finding strength in the simple yet profound truth that Jesus loves you?

May you take time today to simply ponder anew how safe you are in the arms of Jesus. Never forget the words of Isaiah 40:11 (NIV) where we read, “He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart...” Go out today in this strength and truly believe “Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.”

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