

## Jesus Loves Even Me

Every Christian song written has a story behind it, something that stirred the author to write it. Some Christian songs were born out of a personal tragedy while others were written from a blessing received. The blessing may have been the result of a passage of Scripture that was read, a sermon that was heard, a personal event or perhaps an experience in the life of another. It could even be the result of another song that was heard and, such was the case with Philip P. Bliss {1838-1876} and the song, "Jesus Loves Even Me."

The famed hymn writer, Ira D. Sankey {August 28, 1840 - August 13, 1908} wrote, "Mr. Bliss said that this song was suggested to him by hearing the chorus of the song, How I love Jesus, repeated very frequently in a meeting which he attended. After joining in it a number of times the thought came to him, Have I not been singing enough about my poor Lord Jesus, and shall I not rather sing of his great love for me? Under the impulse of this thought he went home and composed this, one of his most popular children's hymns." And, so it was, that in 1870 Mr. Bliss wrote the words and music to the song, "Jesus Loves Even Me." This song has been used of the Lord to touch the hearts of people all over the world. Some of these hearts it was just for encouragement while, for others, it was to impress upon them just how much Jesus Christ loves them. The words of this song are:

1. I am so glad that our Father in heav'n  
Tells of His love in the Book He has giv'n;  
Wonderful things in the Bible I see -  
This is the dearest, that Jesus loves me.

### **Refrain:**

I am so glad that Jesus loves me,  
Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me;  
I am so glad that Jesus loves me,  
Jesus loves even me.

2. Though I forget Him and wander away,  
Still He doth love me wherever I stray;  
Back to His dear loving arms would I flee  
When I remember that Jesus loves me. [Refrain]

3. O if there's only one song I can sing  
When in His beauty I see the great King,  
This shall my song in eternity be:  
"O what a wonder, that Jesus loves me!" [Refrain]

In our world today so many promises are made but never kept and, the word "love" is lightly used and most always as nothing more than a flippant cliché. Many times, we are told that we are loved but why and for what; so that the one saying it will receive something in return? Friend, Jesus Christ loves you just the way you are because He is **love**; He is the author of **love**. In fact, He loves you so much that He shed His blood and died just for you on the Cross of Calvary. {John 3:16} Even in our sinful state the love of God was shown to us. "But God commendeth his **love** toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." {Romans 5:8} If you were the only person in the world, then it was for **YOU** and **YOU** alone that Jesus went to Calvary.

After Jesus died on Calvary, He was buried and three days later He bodily rose from the grave and at this very moment He is back in Heaven at the right hand of God the Father. "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;" {Hebrews 10:12} With the sin debt paid in full, all that remains is for you to repent of sin and, by faith alone in His shed blood, trust Him as your personal Saviour. In His **love** He has promised that, "For whosoever [this means anyone no matter what he or she has done] shall call

upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” {Romans 10:13} The Word of God {Bible} tells us that, “And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.” {1 John 5:11, 13}

“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” {Romans 8:38-39} And this my friend is why we can sing this beautiful song, “Jesus Loves Even Me.” Are **YOU** able to lift your voice and sing this song? If not, then it is my prayer that you will repent and trust Him as your Saviour TODAY!

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