**JESUS LOVES YOU**

I thought ide share this song with you. Some may know it.

Jesus loves me this I know. For the bible tells me so. Jesus loves me. Jesus loves me.

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Lets look at the lyrics of this song.
Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain:
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know,
As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee,
Saying, “Let them come to Me.”

Jesus loves me still today,
Walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give
Light and love to all who live.

Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven’s gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.

Jesus loves me! He will stay
Close beside me all the way;
Thou hast bled and died for me,
I will henceforth live for Thee.

This is a song from my childhood days.

Thank God for Sunday school teachers and musicians.
They are All such an important part of the body of Christ. The head and the heart.

The song was written by [**Anna B. Warner**](https://library.timelesstruths.org/music/_/Warner_Anna_B/?sortby=author), in 1860

And is based on  [**Ephesians 3:17-18**](https://bible.timelesstruths.org/Ephesians%203%3A17-18)

Which says

Ephesians 3:17-18 New International Version (NIV)

**17**so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, **18**may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,

The Lord woke me the other night at 2:13 am. Reminding me of this song and of the love needed for the body, for His Church to operate.

Remember. Without you, this is just a building. **YOU are** the Church.

I will also be expanding a few points during this sermon, which relate also to Gods Love for us.

Back to the song.
I remember singing this song at Sunday school at my home town Naenae at the Naenae Baptist Church.

*The pastor way back then was Mr Carey an amazing man who loved God, who owned and operated Caries drapery store in Lower Hutt.*

The bible tells us that
'if we teach a child in the way they should go they will never depart from it
**(Proverbs 22:6  (NIV)**
It says - *Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.)*

I’m sure that Anna B Warner way back in 1860, had this in mind when she wrote this song.

God never gives up on us because he loves us very very deeply.
What does the bible say God says about this.
I will never leave you nor forsake you in **Deuteronomy 31:6 (NIV)**
Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.
And again in **Hebrews 13.5**Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you

Some say that money is the root of all evil… that’s not right, it’s a miss quote. It says… the LOVE of money is the root of all evil. Anyway lets get back on track.

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”
Remember, I've spoken to you before about this.
The translation from the Greek to English is not the best.

The emphasis is on never. It really says never never never never leave you nor forsake you.
Gods interest in us is 'infinite'
Lets look at that word Infinite, the dictionary says.
Infinite.
limitless or endless in space, extent, or size; impossible to measure or calculate.
"the infinite mercy of God"
some synonyms are: boundless, unbounded, unlimited, limitless, without limit, without end, never-ending, cosmic
Now that's a pretty long time.

**God IS** love and He loves **us**. We know that in our minds, but often we don’t live with an understanding of it.
The reality of God’s love surrounds us **every day**.

The bible tells us that
\*God’s love is **steadfast and unchanging**
\*God’s love **comforts us**
\*God’s love is **revealed t**o **us through Jesus Christ**
\*God’s love is **poured into us** through the **Holy Spirit**
\*God’s love **compels us to love one another**
Many of us grow up doubting the love of God because of the **relationships** we have with others.
**Broken** relationships, **hurt** from others, or even our own **bad choices** that cause us to **doubt why God would choose to love us.**
Sometimes well-meaning churches even misguide us into thinking that we need to **earn** God's love by behaving or acting **"good enough".**

Remember what Jesus said to the thief on the cross. THIS DAY YOU will be with me in paradise. An interesting comment don’t you think?

Especially in regard to works. Lets repeat that?

**43**Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.” **Luke 23:43  (NIV)**

There was no works there was there

God demonstrated the greatest act of love when Jesus Christ died on the cross for us.
We no longer have to WORK toward being loved, as its given FREELY to all.

We are no longer under LAW having to WORK out our salvation, like slaves to the LAW. but because of the **blood of Jesus**, we are now under **GRACE> it is given freely. To whom? ALL**
Here’s a thing - listen to these 17 Bible Verse About **God's Love**

1. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations. **- Deuteronomy 7:9**

2. How precious is your unfailing love, O God! - **Psalm 36:7**

3. You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you. **- Psalm 86:5**

4. But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. **- Psalm 86:15**

5. Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever. - **Psalm 136:26**

6. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. - **Zephaniah 3:17**

7. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. **- John 3:16**

8. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.  If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another. - **John 15:9-17**
9. "Love **is patient**, love **is kind**. It does **not envy,** it does **not boast**, it is not **proud**...it **always protects**, **always trusts**, **always hopes**, **always perseveres**.

- **1 Corinthians 13:4-8**

10. God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. - **Romans 5:8**

11. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. - **Romans 5:2-5**

12. No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. - **Romans 8:37-39**

13. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me. - **Galatians 2:20**

14 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved. - **Ephesians 2:4-5**

15. See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. - **1 John 3:1**

16. Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.  Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. - **1 John 4:7-8**

17. **1 John 4:9-11 (NIV)**
9. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.
10.  This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.
11. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

So that's what's this is really about.
Since God loved us, we ought to love one another.
So let's put down and cast out anything that would stop us doing this in this body of Christ, our Church, the New Plymouth Christian Church the NPCC
And let us be examples of Christ's love within the world.
Remember, we are in the world NOT of it.
We are KINGDOM livers NOT worldly livers.

Let's pray
Father - thank you for your word.
Let your love be our light, because where there is light, there is no darkness.
Thank you that you are always there for us, even until the end of time and beyond.
Bless you Father, Bless you Jesus. Bless you Holy Spirit. Amen

To finish. Ruby play.
If you feel that what the Lord has spoken through me has touched you and you need prayer for an extra portion of the Holy Spirit to get you through the week. Come up and I'll pray with you.