

## Jesus Loves Me This I Know

⇒ **Text:** John 13:1

⇒ **Introduction:**

- In a day when the meaning of true love is so hopelessly obscured by counterfeit, it is well to meditate upon the unchanging quality and character of the love of Christ.
- Let us this morning for a little while do exactly just that.

⇒ First, I would like to say that the Love of Christ

⇒ **I. IT IS PERMANENT LOVE**

- "...having loved His own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end" (John 13:1).
  - Human friendship may be dissolved, loved ones may prove untrue, but the love of Christ never changes.
- With Jesus we have "a friend that loveth at all times" – Prov. 17:17
- With Jesus we have "a friend that sticketh closer than brother"

⇒ Second, I would like to say that the Love of Christ

⇒ **II. THE LOVE OF CHRIST IS POWERFUL**

- **See - Rom. 8:35-39** – Nothing can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus.
- **See – John 10:27-30**
- Regarding Jesus' sheep
  - "neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand"
  - "no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand"

⇒ Thirdly, I would like to say that the Love of Christ

⇒ **III. IT IS PERSONAL**

- "...the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).
  - It is true that the Word tells us that He "gave himself a ransom for all," but it is likewise blessedly true that every believer may say, "He gave himself for me."

⇒ Fourth, I would like to say that the Love of Christ

⇒ **IV. THE LOVE OF CHRIST IS PAST KNOWLEDGE**

- "And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge" (Eph. 3:19),

- That is, past the realm and function of mere human knowledge.

- One has said, "Comparisons can give but a very imperfect view of this love which passeth knowledge.

- It is through the love of Christ for us that brings the believer the peace of God that passeth all understanding, shall keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus when we come to Him in prayer and thanksgiving.

⇒ Fifth, I would like to say that the Love of Christ

⇒ **V. AGAIN, IT IS PATTERN LOVE**

- "And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us and hath given himself for us..." (Eph. 5:2)
- "...he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (I John 3:16)
  - The love of Christ for us is to be the measure of our love for one another, as members of the family of God.

⇒ Sixth, I would like to say that the Love of Christ

⇒ **VI. THE LOVE OF CHRIST IS A PROVOKING LOVE**

- "For the love of Christ constraineth us" (II Cor. 5:14).
  - The love of Christ had complete possession of Paul the apostle.
  - This was his impelling motive in all of his service.
  - Example of Paul's love for his lost brethren – **See Romans 9:1-3**

⇒ Lastly, I would like to say that the Love of Christ

⇒ **VII. THE LOVE OF CHRIST IS A PRESENT LOVE**

- "...Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood." (Rev. 1:5).
- He loveth us.
- Glorious fact!
- How can we be fearful of the future when we are the objects of such love?

⇒ **Conclusion:**

- I would like to conclude by reading the words of the hymn "Such Love" #24 Verse 1 and Chorus.