MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE.

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A. The song's background.

1. It was written as a poem by William Ralph Featherson in Canada. What is interesting about this song is it was written when he was 16. He sent the poem to his aunt in Los Angeles who recommended it for publication which occurred in 1862. About 2 years later the poem appeared as a hymn in England and in 1868 in America. Featherson died at the young age of 27.
2. The tune we sing was not provided until 1876, after his death.

I. VS. 1: MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE.

A. Our love for Jesus goes without saying.

1. Of course, there are some that do not believe He is our Savior.
    1) Salvation requires believing that He is (**John 3:16; 8:24**).
    2) Believing will produce obedience (**Acts 8:36-37; 1 John 5:5**).
2. Love for Him requires action (**John 14:15, 24**).

B. I know thou art mine (Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 3:17).

C. For thee all the folly of sin I resign (Romans 6:6; 1 Peter 4:1-2).

D. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou (Acts 4:12).

E. If ever I loved thee, my Jesus tis now. Love grows with each new day.

II. VS. 2: WHY I LOVE HIM!

A. I love thee, because Thou hast first loved me (1 John 4:19; Revelation 1:5).

B. And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree (Romans 6:23; 1 John 3:16).

C. I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow (Matthew 27:29-31 - Mocked Him).

D. If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus tis now! Knowing what He did for us should move us to the highest level of love!

III. VS. 3: IN MANSIONS OF GLORY.

A. Promised mansions (John 14:1-4; Hebrews 11:16).

B. I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright (Revelation 21:23; 22:5).

C. I'll sing with the flittering crown on my brow. Assured victory (2 Timothy 1:2; 1 Pet. 5:4).

D. If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus tis now. "O, I want to see Him, look upon His face…!"

IV. CONCLUSION:

A. The glory and beauty of heaven await the obedient (Hebrews 5:9).

B. The question that we must ask ourselves is, how do I get to heaven?

C. The answer is found in God's plan of salvation. We must…

1. ***Hear*** the gospel (**Hebrews 11:6; Romans 10:17**).
2. ***Believe*** the gospel (**Romans 1:16**).
3. ***Repent*** of our sins (**2 Peter 3:9; Acts 17:30**).
4. ***Confess*** that Christ is the Son of God (**Acts 8:36-37; Romans 10:9-10; 1 John 4:15**).
5. ***Be baptized*** for the remission of sins (**Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21**).
6. ***Remain faithful*** to the end (**Revelation 2:10; Mark 13:13**).