poems. The familiar lines of "Jesus Loves Me" were penned in 1860 as a poem of comfort spoken to a dying child in one of Susan's stories. Today it's sung by children and adults around the world.

When a famous theologian visited a leading US seminary, a student asked him, "What is the greatest single thought that ever crossed your mind?" Expecting a profound theological answer, the class waited breathlessly for his reply. He bowed his head in thought and then slowly lifted his head and said, "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so."

But why is Jesus' love so important? Because His love is not some sentimental, easygoing acceptance of sinners. It's a sacrificial love that absolved us from our guilt and took the burden of our sins when He died on the cross for us (Romans 5:8).

Jesus' love is so important because He is God in the flesh. And only He can meet our deepest longing—our lifelong need for love. —DJD

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

# The cross of Jesus is the supreme evidence of the love of God. — Oswald Chambers



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## **Everybody Needs Love**

God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. —Romans 5:8

From the cradle to the grave, we all need love. How vividly this is illustrated in the song "Jesus Loves Me" by Anna B. Warner (1824-1915). She and her sister Susan were gifted novelists. Anna also published many









### Romans: Truth in a Nutshell

(unzipped for you)

#### Do You Realise What God has Done?

Romans 5:6-21 is a description of what God has done for His people:

- 1. What God has done, verses 6-21,
- for the weak, verse 6

(John 5:2-8) "Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. [3] In these lay a great multitude of sick people, .... [5] Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. [6] When Jesus saw him lying



there, and knew that he already had been in that

condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" ....{8} Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk.""



- for the ungodly, verses 6-8
- for the sinner, verse 9, 12-16, 19
- for the unworthy, verse 9



- \_\_\_\_\_ for the enemy, verses 10-11









- \_\_\_\_\_ for the defeated, verse 10
  - \_\_\_\_\_ for the dead, verses 12-16, 19-21

(Romans 12:1) "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service."

 $\bullet$  for the condemned, verse 18



- **2. Why He did it,** verses 8, 20-21
- ♦ His , verse 8



(Ephesians 3:14-19) "For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ... {16} that He would grant you, ...{17} ... that you, being rooted and grounded in love, {18} may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height; {19} to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

♦ His \_\_\_\_\_, verses 20-21



