

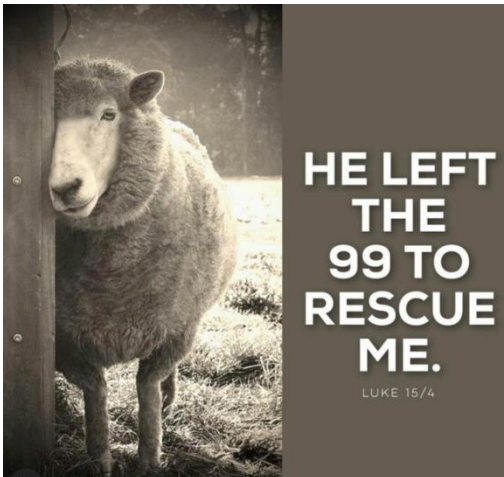
## ***Because He First Loved Me***

*Charles H. Gabriel*

*Do you ask why I love Jesus?  
'Tis because He first loved me;  
He from sin and death redeems us,  
He from bondage sets us free  
Once I had no love for Jesus,  
For my soul was sunk in sin,  
Charmed with that alone which pleases,  
Gratifies the lusts within.  
But I gave myself to Jesus  
For the love He showed to me;  
Now I love my blessed Jesus,  
Bleeding Lamb of Calvary.  
Sinner, love this loving Jesus,  
Who in mercy died for thee;  
He the captive soul releases,  
Bids the prisoner go free.*

*'Tis for this ... my heart loves Jesus, ...  
'Tis because ... He first loved me;  
He from guilt ... my soul releases  
With a pardon full and free.*

*'Tis for this, 'tis for this my heart loves Jesus, 'tis for this,  
'Tis because He first loved me, He first loved me;  
He from guilt, yes, He from guilt my soul releases  
With a pardon, with a pardon full and free.*



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