



People can deny reality,
 and they can distract
 themselves with fantasy,
 but they cannot change
 the fact that one day they
 will stand before God
 (Hebrews 9:27). At that
 moment, the riches,
 pleasures, and
 accomplishments of this
 world will be of no use to
 them.

WORSHIP
 is not a response
 to how Jesus
 makes us feel.
 Our worship is a
 response to Jesus'
 worth regardless
 of how we feel.

LIFE IS SO SHORT

Let's smile and be kind—life is so short
 And most of the way so rough.
 The times are trying, the road upgrade,
 And always trouble enough.
 Yesterday's hurts we'll try to forego—
 And tomorrow's cares can wait,
 Today with diligence let us keep
 Our hearts from the stain of hate.

Life is too short for spite and revenge
 And paying back wrong for wrong.
 Try patience and love and forgiveness,
 Meet slights with a smile and song.
 The sad world with all its repining,
 It's bitterness, care, and tears,
 Needs the wealth of your loving-kindness
 To sweeten the sin-soiled years.

Yes, life is too short to be hateful
 Or sorning any you meet,
 Then stive to be pleasant and gentle,
 To always smile and be sweet.
 For sunshine of love is needed
 To warm the world with its light,
 And to shed abroad its effulgence
 To bless humanity's night.

-Margaret Scott Hall

THE ABC'S OF FRIENDSHIP

Always be honest.
 Be there when they need you.
 Cheer them on.
 Don't look for their faults.
 Every chance you get, call.
 Forgive them.
 Get together often.
 Have faith in them.
 Include them.
 Just listen.
 Know their dreams.
 Love them unconditionally.
 Make them feel special and show them God's love.
 Never stop praying for them.
 Offer to help.
 Praise them honestly.
 Quietly disagree.
 Reassure them when they begin to doubt.
 Say you're sorry.
 Talk frequently.
 Use good judgment.
 Value their honesty even when it hurts!
 Walk in their trust always telling the truth in love!
 X-ray yourself before you suggest corrections.
 Your words count.
 Zip your mouth when told a secret.

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Those who leave everything in God's hands
 will eventually see God's hands in
 everything.

**Faith is not an
 emotion. It's a
 decision to stand
 on God's Word.**

**You don't have to
 give up your intellect
 to trust the Bible.
 You have to give up
 your pride.**

What About the Hymns



And Can It Be That I Should Gain, is still one of the most beloved of all the hymns that have ever been written. It's six verses first appeared in *Psalms and Hymns* in 1738 although the music as we know it wasn't provided until the year 1825.

This great hymn was written by Charles Wesley. Despite his very strict religious upbringing, an education at Oxford University, and missionary work in the new colony of Georgia in America, Charles didn't come to know Christ as his personal Savior until May 20, 1738. In his journal on this date, we find these words "Salvation is by faith alone." Shortly afterward he wrote the words to this hymn.

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An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain—
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain:

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That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis myst'ry all: th' Immortal dies:
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.

He left His Father's throne above—
So free, so infinite His grace—
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray—
I woke, the dungeon flamed with
light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

Still the small inward voice I hear,
That whispers all my sins forgiven;
Still the atoning blood is near,
That quenched the wrath of hostile
Heaven.

I feel the life His wounds impart;
I feel the Saviour in my heart.
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I feel the Saviour in my heart.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th' eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ
my own.

"The branch of the vine does not worry, and toil, and rush here to seek for sunshine, and there to find rain. No, it rests in union and communion with the vine, and at the right time, and in the right way, is the right fruit found on it. Let us so abide in the Lord Jesus."

-Hudson Taylor

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"Do not be misled by the world, do not be captivated by it. See the rottenness, the ugliness, the foulness; and do not allow it to monopolize your time and your attention. You must see through it. Then, having, seen through it, keep yourself from it."
-Martyn Lloyd Jones

"I believe that one reason why the church of God at this present moment has so little influence over the world is because the world has so much influence over the church."
-Charles Spurgeon

"To pray, 'thy will be done,' I must be willing, if the answer requires it, that my will be undone."
-Elisabeth Elliot

"God is sovereign and is in complete control of history. He has mapped it out and it's going to happen exactly according to His plan; exactly as He chooses. Don't be afraid of what might come, because He is on His throne."
-Tom Pennington