

Hymns...HELP, HOPE AND HEALING

And Can It Be

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1. And can it be that I should gain an
2. 'Tis my - t'ry all th'Im - mor - tal dies! Who
3. He left His Fa - ther's throne a - bove; So
4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast
5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je -

in - t'rest in the Sav - ior's blood? Died He for
can ex - plore His strange de - sign? In vain the
free, so in fi - nite His Emp - tied Him -
bound in sin and na - ture's night; Thine eye dif -
-sus, and all in Him is mine! A - live in

me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to
first - born ser - aph tries to sound the depths of
-self of all but love, and bled for Ad - am's
-fused a quick - 'ning ray, I woke, the dun - geon
Him, my liv - ing Head, and clothed in right - eous -

death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love! How can it
love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all! Let earth a -
help - less race. 'Tis mer - cy all, im - mense and
flamed with light. My chains fell off; My heart was
-ness di - vine; Bold I ap - proach th'e - ter - nal

be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for
-dore; Let an - gel minds in - quire no
free, for, O my God, it found out
free, I rose, went forth and fol - lowed
throne and claim the crown, through Christ, my

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more. 'Tis mer - cy all! Let earth a - dore; Let
me. 'Tis mer - cy all, im - mense and free, for,
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Luke 23:32-43



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Grace happens when you ask for it. @pinecastleumc

John 1:16, *From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.*

Revelation 22:21, *May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with God's people. Amen.*

Luke 23:39-40, *One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him. "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God?" he said. "Since you are under the same sentence, we are punished justly for what we are getting and what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said to Jesus, "Remember me when you come into your kingdom." And Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."*

Gestas = to complain

Dismas = sunset

Grace Happens When...

1. You are guilty

Romans 6:14, *For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.*

2. You are weak

2 Corinthians 12:9-10, *But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

3. You are humble

James 4:6, *But he gives us grace, more grace. That is why the scripture says, "God opposes the proud. But gives grace to the humble."*

4. You quit

Ephesians 2:8-10, *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

5. You suffer

1 Peter 5:10-11, *And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. 11 To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.*

Grace = Getting what you don't deserve

Mercy not Merit

[Story Behind The Hymn]

READ BETWEEN THE LINES

**And Can It Be That I
Should Gain**

Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788) was an English leader of the Methodist movement, most widely known for writing about 6,500 hymns.

Wesley was born in Epworth, Lincolnshire, the son of Anglican cleric and poet Samuel Wesley and his wife Susanna. He was a younger brother of Methodist founder John Wesley and Anglican cleric Samuel Wesley the Younger, and he became the father of musician Samuel Wesley and grandfather of musician Samuel Sebastian Wesley.

"And Can It Be" was written in 1738 to celebrate Wesley's conversion, which he regarded as having taken place on 21 May of that year. The lines "My chains fell off, my heart was free/I rose, went forth, and followed thee" are based on the story of the Liberation of Saint Peter in the New Testament.

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain" is also the source for the 2003 song "You Are My King (Amazing Love)" which reached No. 1 on the Billboard Christian songs chart.

As a result of Charles Wesley's enduring hymnody, the Gospel Music Association recognized his musical contributions to the art of gospel music in 1995 by listing his name in the Gospel Music Hall of Fame.

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[Weekly Devotion Questions]

HYMMM...

1. What is keeping you from receiving God's grace?
2. When you feel weak, do you remember to let God carry your burdens?

3. Describe a time when you were proud when you should have been humble.
4. What challenges make you want to quit?