

CREDO IN THE CAN

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There are those today mocking God,
And they say that "there is no such being";
Scoffers among us who are "willingly ignorant"
Of what the love and grace of God can bring.

Galatians 6:7
Psalms 14:1
2 Peter 3:3:5
John 15:7

But the evidence is all around us;
In the flowers and the stars;
In the eyes of little children,
And it's the legacy that is ours!

Romans 1:20
Matthew 2:2; 6:28, 29
Luke 9:47, 48
John 1:12

The psalmist David pondered a magnificent sky,
As he prayed and mused by a campfire.
"The heavens", he wrote, "are an incredible wonder",
But to God... "what is Man?" - something higher!

Psalms 8:3
Psalms 39:3, 4
Psalms 8:3; 19:1
Psalms 8:4:6

We lose track of our marvelous origins,
Chasing riches and filthy lucre to trade;
Deceived by the Devil - all sinners;
But "fearfully and wonderfully made".

Genesis 1:27
1 Timothy 6:10, 1 Peter 5:2
Romans 3:23; James 1:14, 15; John 1:8
Psalms 139:14

If we were wise, as we live and seek knowledge,
We will learn that we are really not lost,
For God in heaven so loves us,
That He sent his son Jesus to die on the cross.

2 Timothy 2:15
John 17:12
John 3:16
John 19:28 - 30; 1 Corinthians 15:4

On the hill of Golgotha called Calvary,
A love letter was written in blood;
His cry, "*Eli, Eli, la'ma sa-bach-tha-ni?*"
Paid the ransom price to set us free.

Matthew 27:33; Mark 15:22
Colossians 1:20; 1 Peter 1:18, 19
Matthew 27:46
1 Corinthians 6:20; 7:23; 1 Timothy 2:5, 6

So confess with your mouth, and believe in your heart,
The words which will forever be true;
Repent of your sins and be in the Lord,
Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Romans 10:9
Matthew 24:35; Hebrews 6:18; 1 Timothy 1:12
Acts 26:20b
2 Corinthians 5:17

Then walk with the Lord fully confident,
In His word and the everlasting covenant made,
Your soul cannot be snatched from His hand,
And His arm is not so short it can't save.

Proverbs 3:26; Hebrews 3:6
Hebrews 13:20
Deuteronomy 32:39; Job 10:7; Isaiah 43:13
Isaiah 59:1

Now that you're the Lord's, the Devil will tempt you
Even more than ever before,
But the Lord won't permit the temptation
To be greater than you can endure.

1 Peter 5:8
James 1:2, 3; Luke 11:25, 26
Revelation 3:10
1 Corinthians 10:13

Yes, the Devil has put us in prison,
And for now, we endure barbed wire and bars;
But the real prison is for the son of perdition,
And our destiny is among the stars!

Revelation 2:10
Isaiah 42:22
John 17:12; Revelation 19:20; 20:10
1 Thessalonians 4:17; Psalms 23:6

And don't think your sins are so terrible;
So unique and so heinous that God won't forgive,
For even the prophets and apostles were sinners,
But in our Lord Jesus Christ we all live.

Luke 23:34; Titus 1:12 - 15
Luke 7:47
Isaiah 6:5; Job 9:20, 21; 1 Timothy 1:15
Philippians 1:21

So when you despair of your troubles,
And stand hurt and broken-hearted on the gate, *
Take comfort, my brothers - remember
The promise of Romans eight twenty eight.

Ecclesiastes 2:17; 1 Peter 4:12, 13
Isaiah 42:23; Matthew 12:20
Psalms 119:11
Romans 8:28; Isaiah 42:3; Joel 2:25

To get the full impact of this, you should read it again, along with the scripture references as you come to them.

* In the last quatrain, second line, the phrase "on the gate" is prison slang for standing at the bars of a prison cell, usually speaking or yelling. If you are "on the gate", you are usually in conversation or in some form of communication that can be overheard by everyone. If you are being argumentative, loud, obnoxious, or offensive to the others in the cellblock, you are told to "get off the gate".



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