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WHEN LOVE SHINES IN

Carrie E. Breck, 1855-1934

“Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

Our emotional soundness and even our physical health depend on the quality of our love for God. And as a result, we gain an attitude of love and concern for our fellowmen. Negative feelings of hate, anger, and selfishness can destroy the well-being of any individual. How important it is to allow God’s love to shine into our lives, not only for the good it brings to others but also for the health it brings to our own lives.

True Christian love always seeks to lighten the burden of others and to bring happiness into their lives. We love others not only for what they are but also for what they can become once they too experience the warmth of divine love. Our lives can never remain the same once we learn to share God’s love in word and deed each day. The closer we get to Christ, the closer we get to one another.

But believers are not known simply because they do good deeds. They do good works because they have experienced the supernatural love of Christ. The praise for this transformed life is then directed to the heavenly Father – never to themselves.

Carrie Breck, the author of “When Love Shines In,” was known as a deeply devoted Christian and life-long Presbyterian. She wrote more than 2,000 poems while a mother of five children.

- ♪ Jesus comes with power to gladden, when love shines in every life that woe can sadden, when loves shine in. Love will teach us how to pray; love will drive the gloom away, turn our darkness into day – when love shines in.
- ♪ How the world will grow with beauty, when love shines in, and the heart rejoice in duty, when love shines in. Trials may be sanctified, and the soul in peace abide; life will all be glorified – when love shines in.
- ♪ We may have unfading splendor, when love shines in, and a friendship true and tender, when love shines in. When earth’s victories shall be won, and our life in heaven begun, there will be no need of sun – when love shines in.
- ♪ Chorus: When love shines in, how the heart is tuned to singing, when love shines in; in joy and peace to others bringing – when love shines in! **AMEN.**

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“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20

