

A SERIES OF DEVOTIONS BASED UPON THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE
THAT YOU MAY SEE, KNOW AND BELIEVE

Luke 8:16-17 “No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a jar or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. For nothing is hidden that will not be made manifest, nor is anything secret that will not be known and come to light.”

There is a song you learned as a child, “This little Gospel light of mine, I’m going to let it shine. . .” When a Sunday school class sings this song for a worship service, there is one phrase that is always emphasized strongly by the children, “. . .no one can blow it out.”

The Devil, the sinful world and your sinful flesh does not want the light of the Gospel to shine. These three allies work overtime to “blow it out.” They may think they are being successful, but 1 Corinthians 4:5 says, “do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart.” The truth is “when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible. . .” (Ephesians 5:13) No one and nothing can prevent the Gospel from accomplishing the purpose for which God has given it as is stated in Romans 1:16, “. . . the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes. . .” God gave the Gospel that you may see, know and believe.

The enemies of the light of the Gospel strive to take that light away and draw you into the darkness of unbelief. Ephesians 5:15-21 exhorts you, “Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.”

The Holy Spirit has led you from the darkness of unbelief to faith in Jesus through the light of the Gospel. This light enables you to see Jesus, know Him as your

Savior and believe in Him to receive God's gift of eternal life. You have Jesus' promise, "I give them (you) eternal life, and they (you) will never perish, and no one will snatch them (you) out of my hand" (John 10:28) or as the children sing, "no one can blow it (the Gospel light) out."

Prayer: O Lord, shine the light of the Gospel daily in my heart to reveal to me only through Jesus will I overcome evil and enter heaven. In His name. Amen.

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new son,
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. Refrain:

An angel brought glad tidings: "Send all your fears away,
For Christ, Your Lord and Savior, is born for you this day."
Then many other angels sang praise for Jesus' birth:
"To God on high be glory, and peace to all the earth." Refrain:

Christ Jesus, pure and holy, without a spot or stain,
By wicked hands was taken, was crucified and slain!
And now the word is finished, the sinner's debt is paid,
Because on Christ the Righteous the sin of all was laid. Refrain:

O wonderful redemption! The price for sin is paid,
Salvation is accomplished, my heart is unafraid,
For God has raised Christ Jesus to show the work was done;
His glorious resurrection declared the vict'ry won! Refrain:

The Savior of all people has brought His peace to you;
Now go and tell the story for others need it too.

To ev'ry land and nation ring out the gospel call;
Proclaim that Christ is risen and grants His peace to all. Refrain:
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