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WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

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Christmas, 1918. What does it mean?

First of all, it means peace. So far as we can now see, the world's greatest, bloodiest, worst war is over. Peace has come, and the rivers of blood are stayed. True, it is not the full, just, world-wide peace for which we have longed. That peace, we hope, is in the not very distant future. But the awful carnage has ceased, and the Prince of Peace is not compelled, as He was a year ago, to look upon a world in which the chief Christian nations were at each others' throats, locked in a death grapple. Christmas, 1918, means peace. Let us be thankful.

Christmas, 1918. What does it mean?

It means opportunity. Never before, at least for centuries, has there been so much of distress to alleviate so many hungry and thirsty and strangers and naked and sick and in prison to be ministered unto. If, as Jesus seemed to teach, the need of others is our call to service, then the call must sound loud as we turn to Europe with her terrible need, and with the opportunity fuller than ever before to minister to that need. It is no longer a fragment of Belgium, a portion of France, a bit of Armenia, and a possible fraction of Russia that is open to us. Now it is most of war-devastated Europe that forms the field of our war-relief—the central powers also war-devastated, in a different way but as truly as America's allies, and as truly needing our aid.

But not here alone is our opportunity. For years the world has been centering its thought and energy on war, on destruction. Now there have been released from this struggle titanic forces that ought to be turned into the channels of reconstruction. The world must be rebuilt. From the wreckage of the old world must rise the structure of the world that is to be. We all unite in the prayer, "God grant that this new world may be built on a better foundation than that on which the old structure rested." But if this prayer is to be answered, it must be by the efforts of those who, under God, are to rebuild the world. Young men and young women, yours is the answering of that prayer.

And not alone in the new problems of reconstruction is to be found our opportunity. The old problem, of which all the new problems are simply phases, is before us, now more definitely than be-

fore, with more liberty to consider it than seemed possible a year ago. The old problem of human salvation, of the Christianizing of the people of the earth and the peoples of the earth, is still up for settlement. The evangelization of the world is our task, and the opportunity is ours perhaps as never before since the days of the apostles. For we have learned to give, we have learned to sacrifice, we have learned to achieve great things.

Christmas, 1918. What does it mean?

It means responsibility. Opportunity and duty go hand in hand. Obligation is the hand-maid of occasion. The need of the man who had fallen among thieves, and his own chance to help, constituted the call to service, for the priest and for the Levite as well as for the Samaritan. With all the great world's great need, and with the opportunity that this glad birthday of the King is presenting, surely the hearts of all who are young should recognize clearly their responsibility, and should respond boldly and unflinchingly to the call of duty.

Christmas, 1918. What does it mean?

God grant that it may mean, as Christmas has never meant before, our complete recognition of the Mastership of Christ. Let us bow before Him, in complete surrender to His blessed will. Let us, with grateful thanks for all that God has done for His world through Jesus Christ, see the opportunities of the present day, and accept them with grateful hearts. Let us, gladly and valiantly, take up our responsibility as He took up His, and, in the strength of that Spirit which was His, assume the new duties of the world's new day. We who have given money and time for the relief of the bodies of men and women and children, let us give all we are and have for the service of God in ministering to all that men are body and mind and spirit. The citizens of the kingdoms of this world have given themselves by tens of millions to death in the interests of those kingdoms. What will the citizens of the heavenly kingdom give in obedience to the command of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords? Into what spiritual battlefields will we follow the Captain of our Salvation? Surely, in the days to come, the recruiting office of every Christian service should be besieged by volunteers for the ministry, for the mission field, for every form of sacrificial service for the King and for those for whom he died.

Christmas, 1918. What does it mean? What does it mean for me?

THE SONSHIP OF JESUS

A Christmas Meditation

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Again the Christmas anniversary recurs, and we of the twentieth century after join the refrain with the prophet of the eighth century before the birth of our Lord; "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given." But what sonship do we mean when we swell the "Hallelujah" to the Christ?

Is it the Son of Mary that we worship? Do we gaze in rapt wonder at the shepherds' vision with its angelic message of good tidings and its celestial hosts chanting "Glory to God . . . and on Earth peace"? Do we stand in reverent awe at the Bethlehem manger where lies the holy babe in swaddling clothes? Do we follow with the Magi the guide-star in the east and offer to the Son of Mary our prostrate worship and our precious gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh? If these are the cinema pictures that engage our thought and fancy, we are paying homage to the Son of Mary.

Or perhaps it is rather the Son of Nazareth that appeals to us. Perhaps we love to picture in our fancy the young boy as he "grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and men." Perhaps we are attracted to the lad at the carpenter's bench of Joseph, where "the father loves the son and shows him everything that he himself does." We may delight in imagining the sturdy boy Jesus on the village streets of Nazareth and thinking great thoughts under its silent stars. We may see him as "he entered as his custom was into the synagog on the Sabbath day and stood up to read." Perhaps our eager fancy delights to supply those long missing chapters in the story of the Man of Nazareth, those twenty-eight years illumined but once in the sacred narratives. If these imaginings engage our minds, the Jesus of our dreams is the Son of Nazareth.

Or it may be that alluring adventure is quickening our imagination and the Jesus of our vision is the Son of Galilee. With him in middle teens we may escape the close borders of the home hamlet and visit nearby Cana and Nain, and then Tiberias on the Sea, and across the deep blue Galilee Capernaum, and Bethsaida on the banks of the upper Jordan. Then in the rounds of the skilled artisan we may follow the heir

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NEWS ITEMS

HIGHLAND

The readers of "A Friendly Endeavor" may be interested to know that Highland is still here. Like other places, the scenes are shifting—people coming and going—and a faithful few remaining.

A reception for our new pastors, Mr. and Mrs. Lee, was held at the parsonage November 20th. We are glad to welcome them to Highland.

Our president, Ellis McMillan, and family have just moved to Rosedale, and we surely will miss them.

The Commons family have left us also. They have moved to Greenleaf, Idaho.

Our schoolma'ams, Florence and Edith Frazier, have resumed their duties. Florence teaching at Rosedale, and Edith at Silverton.

Calvin Thomas and Leroy Frazier are attending Pacific College. We will miss them very much, but are glad they were able to go.

Several of our members have been sick, but all are improving.

NEWBERG

Newberg society is going to study the mission book entitled "The Call of a World Task" for the next few Sundays, instead of the regular C. E. lessons.

Emmett Gulley, a graduate of Pacific College and a former Newberg C. E. member, gave a missionary address Sunday morning, Nov. 17th, from the subject "Getting the Church on a War Basis." Mr. Gulley came as a representative of the American Friends' Board of Foreign Missions. He is really on his way to Mexico, where he will go as a missionary as soon as he receives his passport. Mrs. Gulley will accompany him if she is able to get her passport.

The information committee has been helping canvass the church for American Friend subscriptions.

All the women in Pacific College, except two belong to the Y. W. C. A., and almost every man in the school has joined the Y. M. C. A.

SECOND FRIENDS—PORTLAND

After the long forced vacation, it was with pleasure that our young people met again Sunday, Nov. 17th.

Our beloved pastor, Miss Terrell, kept going on her ministrations of mercy until the very week when things opened up. She was attacked by rheumatism, making her unable to be out on the first Sunday that the ban was lifted.

Influenza claimed one of our number, and that a valued one, Mabel Kadolph. Her quiet faithfulness was an inspiration and encouragement to all. She was active on both Look-Out and Flower Committees. Always present and always pleasant, she leaves a vacancy hard to fill. Our sympathy goes out to her family where she will be missed the most. God help us all to be faithful and ready.

SOUTH SALEM

The Quarterly Meeting Christian Endeavor rally was an inspiring event. Mrs. Lee gave us a heart-to-heart message. The theme was "Investment," the setting was Christ feeding the Five Thousand, and the central verse, "Bring them hither to me." She spoke earnestly to the young people, urging them to make investment where there would be lasting returns. While possessing youth and health bring all to Christ, for without His blessing our investment would not pay. All that the lad had was brought to Christ, and under His blessing it fed the five thousand. "Your all" is "Christ's call."

Miss LeVon Coppock is teaching in Antone, Oregon.

Carl Pemberton is attending Pacific College.

Salem Quarterly Meeting was held in this church the third week-end in November. The spiritual up-lift of that meeting was testified to by all who attended.

Among other feasts of the Quarterly Meeting was a message Sunday evening by J. Sanger Fox. He told us of the four great problems of the yearly meeting. There are: First, Pulpit Supply; second, Inspirational Department (including Financial Quakerism, and Missionary Messages); third, Church Extension; fourth, Financial. His sermon was from the third chapter of Second Peter, "What manner of persons ought ye to be," being the text. His messages in song were helpful, and his message of the evening well chosen, and received by all. We want him to come again.

Frederick Kludas, a young evangelist, husband of Eva Frazer Kludas, formerly of Scott's Mills, died at the home of his sister-in-law, Hazel Keeler, of influenza. A younger brother, Carl Kludas, took sick the following Saturday, and has

been dangerously ill at the Keeler home, but we are glad to hear that he is improving though still under the care of doctor and nurse. Mrs. Kludas expects to make her home with the Keelers for a while.

SPRINGBROOK

After having all church services closed for a month we were very glad to have services again Sunday.

Friday evening, Nov. 15, Emmett Gulley spoke at the church in the interest of the missionary campaign, which will begin next Sunday and last until Christmas.

Sunday evening the C. E. mission study class finished "The Lure of Africa," and intend to begin the study of the book "The Call to a World Task" next Sunday.

Two of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Jones, have moved to Sherwood. We regret very much to have them go, but trust they will be a blessing to the community where they are.

Paul Lewis came home from Oretown, Ore., to spend the vacation he has had on account of the influenza.

Plans are being made for a community Thanksgiving service at the church next week.

BOISE

At the last meeting of the "Volunteers" some splendid reports were given of the work done during the month of September. Forty-two calls were made by the members, 22 personal invitations given to attend the church services, through our efforts and help one soul was brought back to Christ and sanctified; prayer was offered in several homes, and other things of helpfulness done. We will be glad when we will again be permitted to go on with this work for Christ, which we feel is as great a blessing to us as to the ones we are permitted to help.

The members of our Christian Endeavor Society have been writing letters of encouragement and help to our absent members. And we have received letters from some of them telling of the trials and temptations they have met and of the wonderful grace and strength the Lord gave them to come out more than conqueror through His name.

We gave short programs to some "Shut-ins" in our midst, one of whom has since left this world of sorrow and pain and has gone to be with Jesus.

SCOTTS MILLS

We missed just one C. E. meeting because of the influenza.

We have received four new members into our society, namely, Edith, Mabel and George Kellogg, and Mrs. Erma Harris.

Sarah Graves will soon return to Huntington Park, Calif., to spend the remainder of the year in the Training School.

William Magee, who is in France in reconstruction work, was quite badly injured by machinery while working, but is improving at his last writing.

MARION

Friday, November 22, Marion had a C. E. organized by our Yearly Meeting Superintendent Chester Hadley. Ivan Hadley accompanied him over to Cloverdale. We are beginning with a membership of fourteen.

We have elected officers for our new society as follows: President, Nellie Bronner; vice-president and chairman of Look-Out Committee, Della Fennell; secretary and treasurer, Lenora Loretz; corresponding secretary, Modenia McNeal; chairman of Prayer Meeting Committee, Mary E. Presnell; chairman of Social Committee, Mary Thomas.

J. Sanger Fox was with us Nov. 10th and in the evening gave a message on "The Return of Our Lord." It was a very impressive service and following the message six gave their hearts to God.

We are holding weekly choir practice with attendance of about fourteen.

The following attended Quarterly Meeting at Salem: Mr. and Mrs. Enos Presnell, Mrs. Anna Garretson, Mrs. Mary Pearson and Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Bronner. They report good meetings.

We have been spared during the recent epidemic, having missed only one service, for which we praise God.

Remember us in your prayers.

FIRST FRIENDS—PORTLAND

Harold Hinshaw was at home over the week-end of Nov. 2nd from Camp Lewis. He says it will possibly be Easter before most of the boys reach home.

Herman Oppenlander left for France to enter the reconstruction work there November 18th.

A union meeting of the Young People's Societies of the different denominations of Sunnyside was held at this church the evening of Nov. 25th. The object of the meeting was to promote friendship among the several societies. It was a Thanksgiving meeting, led by Marie Hall, the president of the society.

The society is planning a Thanksgiving donation of eatables and clothing to the Louise Home.

Ward Haines, who left for France some time ago, is now in Paris helping in the Red Cross canteen work. He says he is getting fat eating their big meals. They feed from 1400 to 1800 persons daily, soldiers and refugees, as they pass through the station.

The young people are planning to get into the "Every Member Movement," in full force. Big plans are being laid and classes for special mission study are being formed. There will also be special speakers and posters to help arouse enthusiasm.

Our society has been hit by the "flu." Those now on the sick list are Olive Terrell, Belle Whitwell, Helen Bentley, Minnie Mendenhall, Lucy Mendenhall, Kester Mendenhall and Charles Ellis. So far all have recovered and the latest cases have not been so serious.

Howard Pearson has been expecting to go to France in the reconstruction work for some time. He received word the other day that his passport has been waiting in Philadelphia since August pending the decision of the draft board. Now that hostilities have ceased he will be free to go as soon as he receives word from the board, which he expects to be about the 10th of December.

WEST PIEDMONT

Yep, we are still on the map over Piedmont way, even tho' we are somewhat like Zacchaeus, "little of stature." But we are going to see, hear and do all we can, whether it's from a sycamore tree or otherwise. There will be a C. E. Society formed here now as we have a few to start with and are steadily increasing.

Agnes Cook has returned to her school at Rex after a forced vacation due to influenza.

A most pleasant and complete surprise was given Byron Kenworthy at his home on the evening of Nov. 23rd, when a party of friends dropped in to spend the evening. Light refreshments were served and most appropriate, impromptu music was rendered by Irma Cook and Helen Hadley, much to the delight of all.

Miss Boatrite spent Sunday afternoon with her younger brother, Albert, of Lents. He is recovering from a serious attack of influenza.

Prayer meeting Thursday, Nov. 21st was well attended by young people who were all eager to take their part in making the meeting what Jesus would have had it be. Our Thanksgiving day being given over to private and family Thanksgiving and prayer.

Chester Hadley of Rosedale and family were in this city one day last week. Don't ask him what happened to his Ford out in front of the church at Piedmont, though (hint)—if any of the readers are vulcanizers—nuff sed.

If any of you want the recipe of the latest and most tasty pumpkin pie, as per Irma Cook, also method of "Finger testing," address above mentioned, enclosing stamp for return reply.

[Don't know what the joke is, but the young lady evidently burned her finger. Moral: Never get mixed up in other people's pies.—Editor.]

Lawrence Baker of Chehalem Center has joined the ranks of our Bible Institute. His brother Lester enrolled some time ago.

WE STAND THUS

Meeting	Quota	Already in
Highland	40	19
South Salem	15	8
Rosedale	15	12
Scotts Mills	10	7
Marion	5	4
Salem Q. M.	85	50
First Friends	50	31
Second Friends	25	12
West Piedmont	5	6
Quilcene	5	1
Portland Q. M.	85	50
Newberg	65	37
Chehalem Center	13	9
Springbrook	17	10
Rex	5	6
Middleton	5	0
Sherwood	10	0
Newberg Q. M.	115	62
Greenleaf	65	3
Star	22	6
Boise	18	5
Valley Mound	5	0
Woodland	5	0
Boise Valley Q. M.	115	14

Don't forget to send in your notes next month. You all did so well this time that you deserve a medal or a crown or something. Send them so they will reach the editor not later than December 23rd.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Owing to rural delivery addresses, some of Chehalem Center's names wandered around and got mixed up in Newberg's property. When they were brought home where they belonged, it left Newberg somewhat fewer in number, but brought Chehalem well up toward their full quota.

Since our last issue, Peace has been declared. How very opportune the declaration. We will soon join in the chorus, one of the most beautiful songs ever sung, "Peace on earth, good will to men." What will we look for now? Listen, we'll tell you what we've heard.

The World says this:

War is over. Bloodshed is a thing of the past. Everyone sees the wrong of fighting there will be no more of it. We are rapidly progressing in every line—science, education, philosophy and humanitarianism. This war has brought us all closer together. Even the churches are planning to unite, and it's a good thing, too. We should be broad in our views. Why look askant at a man because he doesn't believe just as we do? He has a right to his view. There is good in all religions, and we can take the good from each and discard the bad if there be any. Those horrible old Puritanical beliefs have gradually disappeared. Anyone knows a just God wouldn't send his children to hell. A religion with a hell attachment is so unpopular, and creates sad and gloomy thoughts. This is an age of cheerfulness. We believe in looking on the bright side. The spirit of Christ is everywhere—the true, the beautiful, the good—all are gaining. And after awhile we will get so true and so beautiful and so good that the Christ will return perhaps in the dim and distant future, and find us all waiting for Him as loving brothers waiting for their Elder Brother.

Jesus says this:

Watch! Take heed! Watch, lest He find you sleeping! For in that day nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there shall be famines and pestilences and earthquakes. All these are the beginning of sorrows. And

ye shall be hated of all men. Many shall be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another, and because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold. False prophets shall arise and shall show signs and wonders. In the last days perilous times shall come. Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. Brother shall betray brother to death, and the father, the son, and children shall rise up against parents, and shall cause them to be put to death. There shall be signs in the sun, and the moon and the stars—men's hearts failing them for fear. Beware of false prophets.

The door will be shut upon the foolish ones, the unprofitable servants will be cast into outer darkness, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. And He wonders how a certain class will escape the damnation of hell.

What are we to do when we see these things coming to pass? "Look up! Lift up your heads! For your redemption draweth nigh!" Glory be to our God forever!

There is a day coming when He will appear.

Oh, Jesus, Jesus. We pray thee to keep our ears open to thy voice. Help us to not heed the soothing of this old lying world. Give us the Holy Ghost. Keep our hearts on fire for thee. When thee comes we want thee to find us ready, with the dew of Heaven on our souls, with the joy of the Lord lighting our faces as we look up to greet thee, and our lamps filled, filled, filled with oil. Amen.

WATCH THIS PAPER FOR THE C. E. PRAYER MEETING TOPICS: HERE THEY ARE:

Dec. 1—All for Christ. Our Pleasures. I Cor. 10:23, 24, 31-33; 11:1. (Consecration Meeting.)

"As by the light of opening day
The stars are all concealed,
So earthly pleasures fade away
When Jesus is revealed."

Dec. 8—Begin Now. II Cor. 6:1-10. "What we long to be in our best moments; what we will be when grace has perfected its work and we have become comely in the comeliness that He shall put upon us—this is the ineffaceable conception of us that is ever before God."

Dec. 15—The Power of the Cross in the Phillipines. Ps. 72:1-19. "There was a cross in the heart of God before the cross on Calvary."

Dec. 22—"Peace on Earth." (Christmas Meeting.) Luke 2:8-14.

"Tho Christ a thousand times
In Bethlehem be born;
If he's not born in thee
Thy heart is still forlorn."

Dec. 29—"Happy New Year." Rules for it. Phil. 3:12-16.

"Spin cheerfully, not tearfully,
Though wearily you plod.
Spin carefully, spin prayerfully,
But leave the thread with God."

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to Joseph's trade from northern Dan to Mount Gilboa. It may be that the unwritten chronicle of those ten years of our Lord's early manhood while Messiahship incubated within him appeal strongly to our matured fancy. It may be that our imagination loves to linger over the Son of Galilee.

But again it is quite possible that Jesus figures most alluringly as the Son of the Hebrew people. If so we see him first a lad of twelve years as he pays his first wonderful visit to great and far away Jerusalem to be enrolled with his fathers. O Jerusalem, "whither the tribes go up," what hallowed scenes within your gates and without your walls exalt the "Prince of the House of David!" How many and what varied pictures come to us between that first visit to the holy temple and the last sad procession on the "Via Doloris"! It is as Son of the Hebrews that we see him declaring his gospel to Nicodemus, the learned ruler of the Jews, and unfolding it to the nameless and shameless woman of Samaria. It is as Son of the Hebrews that he appeals to Peter, the loyalist, and to Matthew, the publican; to the poor fishermen of Galilee and to the wealthy Joseph of Armathea. It is as Son of the Hebrews that we bow before the seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the friend of Moses and Elijah, the heir of David, the successor of the prophets, the Messiah of Israel, the King of the Jews. How worthy is the coronet that crowns the choicest son of the "chosen people"!

However there must be many who conceive of a still greater sonship of Jesus; who crown him with the title he chose for himself, the simplest but greatest epithet, "Son of Man." Ours is the Christmas joy because Jesus was more than Son of Mary, or of Nazareth, or of Galilee, or of the Hebrews. As "Son of Man" Jesus belongs to all races and to all times. As "Son of Man" God is his Father and our Father. As "Son of Man" we number our years from his birth, and in the light of the halo of the "Son of Man" all other sonships are illumined and magnified.

But possibly most of us have not scaled the highest peak of sonship in the character of the Christ. Possibly only a few can contemplate the "Son of God." Did not Jesus declare his "second commandment" like the "first." Perhaps the sonship of man is not far from the sonship of God; but who can mount up to the pinnacle of the "Most High," and reveal to mortal minds the meaning of such transfiguration?

Marion is now a real society. We welcome them with all our hearts. They started out in the right way, too—sent in four subscriptions and a handful of interesting notes.