

One of the glorious things about the thinking of this generation is that we are getting into our minds a more complete picture of Jesus (207).

Future generations

I am not trying to prove that Jesus was a humorist, but trying to correct the picture most of us have of the Man of Sorrows, by emphasizing the other side, in order that we may see running through every part of His life manifestations of a radiant spirit,... (210).

shall know also the radiance of our joy,

It was the Master's purpose that we should enter into His radiance. 'These things have I spoken unto you, that My *joy* may be in you and that your joy may be fulfilled' (213, italics added).

And if there was one word more often on His lips than another, it was 'Be of good cheer.' That is the word of a radiant spirit (213).

the buoyance of our good will,

[cont'd from above] ...of which a sense of humour is one of the signs (210).

and the inspiration of our good humor.<sup>15</sup>

There is only one word for the Christianity of the New Testament. It is radiant.

You remember how fast it spread. That speaks for its radiance. It spread like a glorious infection, not so much taught as caught. It was called a 'gospel,' which means 'good news,'... (215).

We proclaim a message of good news

[cont'd] ...and it spread with the infectious power good news always has (215).

which is infectious in its transforming power.

And for one man to say to another, 'You must try to be like Christ' is not a gospel. You must go and live with Him. That is His gospel, and the greatest transforming power in the world (154).

[cont'd from above] The men who exemplified it in their lives were radiant men. They revelled in the new life which that good news had brought them.... Life could never be the same again. Life was thrilling with new meaning. Life was throbbing with new power. All things had become new. They were radiant men teaching a radiant religion (215).

Our religion is throbbing with new life and new meanings.

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Those who accept this teaching are filled with joy