

The Christmas joy.

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Scripture: Luke 2: 8-20

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Text: - Luke 2: 20. "And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them."

Text: - This seems a strange and hollow subject for a Christmas sermon in a world at war. This year our Christmas day, cannon will roar, bombs will fall, there will be <sup>suffering</sup> death, and desolation throughout the world. Here in America, many a family gathered around the Christmas tree, will be a broken family. As people gather about the table on Christmas day, and about their fireplaces, it will be hard to rejoice with one or more vacant chairs.

In this hour of world's great need, shall we celebrate Christmas? Shall we give gifts, remember our loved ones, shall we spend money for Christmas trees, tinsel twinkling lights? Yes by all means. Well, Why?

I. Because Christmas is still  
the greatest day of all the year.

1. It marks great events. The  
birth of Jesus. - In stable - manger -  
lowly -

2. It keeps alive in hearts of  
men that which it cannot  
afford to lose - the reality of  
spirit of love, peace, good  
will expressed in a hundred  
ways.

3. There may be, you is too  
little of Christ in hearts of men -  
but the celebration of Christmas  
helps keep alive what there is.

II. Because world needs  
Christ.

1. The world's greatest need  
today.

2. He was rejected when  
he came, rejected now,  
by great majorities. It was  
a dark hour when he came;  
it is a dark hour now, but  
there is a ray of light and  
hope, and that is Jesus.