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To Think About DEATH?

What the world will be like after the war can hardly be guessed. Depression, inflation, worse dictatorships, complete anarchy and new dark ages are all possible. Though there are many proposals, nobody really knows what to do about it.

Our personal lives also are a cause for worry. Millions prefer not to think of next week or next year. The casualty list may contain the one name that means all the world to me. Or I may be taken seriously sick, and there is no doctor available. Death is a present reality, and beyond the grave lies the dark unknown. It is easier not to think about it.

At least it used to be easier not to think. But now there is this war, and though death is still an unwelcome subject of conversation, we can hardly avoid thinking of it. Furthermore, death troubles us with a semi-conscious fear of a righteous judgment before God's throne. We know we have broken God's laws, we have loved our sins, and we have ignored God. For this reason we are afraid to think of death, of God, and of the judgment.

But it need not be so. In his first epistle, the Apostle Peter, speaking as a Christian and for Christians, says, "*Blessed be God who hath begotten us again into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*" The non-Christian has no hope, no confidence in the future, but Christ has given those who put their trust in Him a *sure hope* of life. By His death He has offered a sufficient sacrifice to God on their behalf, and by His resurrection He assured us that we too shall live: not merely live, but live with Him for ever and ever.

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Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the New-Born King.

HOW TO GET PEACE OF MIND

Here is a significant statement that has recently been issued by high officers in the British Armed Forces:

"WE COMMENT THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR, FOR IT ALONE CAN EFFECTIVELY MOULD CHARACTER, CONTROL CONDUCT AND SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF MEN AND NATIONS. FAITH IN CHRIST THE LORD AND OBEDIENCE TO HIS WILL AS REVEALED IN THE BIBLE ENSURES PEACE OF MIND AND BRINGS SATISFACTION IN SERVICE TO GOD AND MEN."

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B. PAGET (General),

A. I. GORSAGE (Air Marshal).

"*Peace of mind*"—that is one of the key phrases used by these notable British leaders. And peace of mind depends on being at peace with God. And peace with God comes through faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. When men trust Christ to save them from sin and its penalty, when they acknowledge Christ as Lord of their lives, then they can face death itself with peace of mind.

How we need this peace today! Let us trust Christ and receive His gift of forgiveness and peace.

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