

New Sallman Painting Depicts Theme of Crusade for Christ



CHICAGO — Warner Sallman, whose portrait of Christ has sold 4,500,000 copies, depicts here the support of millions of Christians to the determination of their Leader that there be no more war. Methodists are among those who are working for liberty and justice for all men, through their four-year, five-fold Crusade for Christ.

Posters of the Sallman painting, now appearing in more than 41,000 Methodist churches across the na-

tion, appeal for sacrificial contributions to the \$25,000,000 Crusade relief and reconstruction fund, more than half of which will go for food, clothing and other aid for peoples of war devastated and occupied countries. Other phases of the Crusade for Christ call for support of cooperation among nations in the post-war world, renewed evangelism efforts, education for Christian stewardship and improvement of Sunday school attendance.

"THE CRUSADING CHRIST"

An interpretation of the Methodist Crusade for Christ Painting.

BY CLARENCE W. HALL

Before attempting to put on canvas the painting that has been adopted as the official Methodist Crusade for Christ painting, Warner Sallman, the artist whose "Head of Christ" has become the best known and most widely distributed religious picture of our times, conferred at great length with Crusade leaders.

"I want to know all about the Crusade," said Mr. Sallman, "its aims and purposes, its inner genius and its scope."

He listened attentively as "Methodism's boldest and most comprehensive program for world redemption" was outlined to him. A man of deep spiritual instincts and insight, the distinguished artist's eyes flashed as his heart began to burn with the imagination that has characterized all his work.

"I shall count it a great honor," he said quietly, "to try to capture on canvas some of the mighty challenge of this Crusade."

And he hurried off to his brushes and paints.

How well Warner Sallman caught the vision of what the Crusade aims to accomplish is revealed in this painting—a painting which should stir all of Methodism to meet the opportunities it offers.

It will be noted that the central figure in this poster—as He is the central figure of the Crusade—is "the Crusading Christ." Gazed in the robes denoting His kingship, but with the scars of the nail prints still in His hands, the Christ strides through the scenes of war devastation.

In this conception, the artist has daringly "brought Christ down to earth." Whereas most artists, from the old masters to contemporary painters, seem to persist in paintings of this sort in depicting Jesus floating above and somehow detached from the world Mr. Sallman has placed Him—where Jesus placed Himself—upon the earth itself, amid the sorrows and sufferings of the world, actively leading His people in the amelioration of distress and the healing of sin's wounds, whether those sins be individual or corporate.

Thus we have a striding Christ, as purposeful as He is compassionate, in the van of His people's march to "trample on the vineyards where the grapes of wrath are stored." His every expression and attitude reflects the imperativeness of the task. His left hand clenched, His right hand extended in appeal to the onlooker to join the March of Methodists on behalf of the bereft. His sleeves tossed back—every gesture portrays the compassion He feels, No remote Christ, this!

Behind Him, marching in a V-shaped formation denoting the victory that will surely attend their way, come the hosts of Christ-inspired Methodists. It will be noted that the artist here has included men and women, boys and girls, from every walk of life and representing many races. In and through the scenes of devastation they come, this marching host, to minister with Christ and for Christ to such needs as this dire day has presented.

And above them, symbolic of the hope they bring—a new dawn the Crusade stands for—is a colorful rainbow.

In this forceful work Warner Sallman has not only made a great contribution to the Crusade for Christ, but he has also set the pace for religious artists to come. Well may we hope that this painting—like the Crusade it glorifies—will encourage all men to place Christ where for centuries He has sought to be, in the center of every effort for man's good.

SOIL CONSERVATION

Terrace lines we staked recently to be built by farm equipment and the county unit, when conditions are again favorable for field work, on the following farms: C. A. Fisher, Cherryville; D. A. Kiser, R. C. Kiser and R. P. Haynes, Route 2 Bessemer City, N.C.

Pine seedlings are being planted from stock purchased from the State Nursery on the following farms: Hardin Manufacturing Co., land—10,000 trees; J. P. Summey R-1, Dallas—500; Edgar Abernethy, Stanley—2,000; J. P. Rhodes R-1 Dallas, 2,000; L. E. Friday, R-1, Dallas, 1,000; City Lake Property, 4,000; and J. G. Jackson, Gastonia, 1,000 trees. These tree seedlings are being planted on idle, steep and eroding fields to prevent erosion and to put this land to work growing timber. It pays to plant trees.

Ed Summerow, Gastonia, on his farm located near Stanley, has ordered and plans to put 50 tons of lime just as soon as he can get delivery. Lime is necessary for the successful growth of legumes and grasses on all Gaston county soils and every effort should be made to put at least one ton on every acre. Stock piles in the fields and at the side of the road should be spread as soon as possible in order to get the most benefit, as leaching and deterioration takes place resulting in reduced quality.

C. A. Barkley, Gastonia, on his farm located just north of Gastonia, is making application of 400 lbs. of basic slag per acre on his pasture land. Mr. Barkley realizes that good pasture is the foundation of a livestock program and plans to reduce his cattle in order to adequately develop the pasture by seedings of adapted pasture grasses and the application of lime basic slag and acid phosphate.

W. L. McSwain, Dallas is following a plan of gradually sowing the steep and on his farm in perennial hay crops of sericea and kudzu on the thin areas and the better areas in alfalfa. He is planning and making preparation now for the alfalfa seeding next fall. He plans to turn under a green manure crop this summer, apply necessary limestone, then disk the land from time to time to destroy weeds and to prepare a good seed bed for seeding in early September. Alfalfa is a very exacting crop and its requirements and without good preparation, adequate applications of lime and fertilizer, it will not be successful.

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LETTERS FROM SOLDIERS



Camp Mackall, N. C. January 24, 1945

Dear Fred, Have just finished reading the January 18, copy of the Eagle. There were two articles of great interest. One was the letter written by Jack Cagle. I believe that he has expressed the thought of every boy and girl from Cherryville who are in uniform.

The other was the article about the Legion Memorial Hall. I sincerely hope that the people of Cherryville will cooperate with the Legion. The facilities that this proposed building would offer is needed very badly by our town, if the people so desire, Cherryville can be a very progressive and modern community. We must look forward to the future.

Sincerely
Pfc. WALTER SMITH, Jr.
Co. "C" 541st Proht. Inf. Reg.
Camp Mackall, N. C.

Thanks ever so much for the Christmas gift. Wish I could have been with you all on this Christmas.

Richard MacKenzie
Thanks a lot, fellows.

Johnnie H. Noles
Thanks very much for your thoughtfulness and the package was greatly appreciated.

P. A. Champion
Thanks a lot for the package all of you in the States keep things going and we will over here.

Junius L. Lail
The box sure was nice, it is not a one-man act. When you send a guy a box in the Army. I shared mine with sixteen other fellows.

Thanks a million.
William R. Camp
I would like to thank every member of the Tryon Post No. 100 for the truly fine package. A fellow can always count on the Cherryville people for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

Heman Esker
I wish to express my appreciation for your thoughtfulness in sending me the package.

Jack F. Reynolds
All of us over here deeply appreciate your kindness and generosity. It reminds us of what we are fighting for and helps us in that fight.

Hurley Crocker
I received the package today and sure was glad to get it. I thank you very much and I hope you a Happy Christmas.

Howard J. Hall
I wish to express my gratitude to you all. The package was very nice and was enjoyed greatly by myself and several buddies. It is nice to know that the home folks remember us in such a way and I hope to see you all before next Christmas.

J. N. Wyant
Many thanks for the lovely gift it made me feel as if I still have a few friends that don't forget a guy.

Conley J. Flowser
Was surprised to receive such a wonderful package from you all and I really want to thank you all very much.

Hugh L. Randall
Many thanks for the swell gift. It was certainly appreciated.

Evan B. Wehnt
A pleasant surprise. Many items will be of use as time goes by. Many who have been overseas for some time are more deserving. Thanks so much.

Yates L. Barber
Thanks a lot the package was greatly appreciated. Especially the fruit cake and candy.

Clyde W. Browne
I received the lovely package and I was very, very happy to get it. It was just what I needed and I do wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year from some where in Corsica. And I am doing my best to help get this war over. Thank you again.

Arthur John Hart
Thanks a lot for the package. My Buddies sure did enjoy those peanuts. Something we haven't seen for quite some time. Thanks again for remembering the boys over here and we sure do appreciate it very much.

"Bus" Gates
age and I hope we will all be home for the next one. I appreciate being remembered with the nice gift.

Homer H. Smith
Sure did appreciate the nice box you sent me and hope you all had a nice Christmas and happy New Year. I have changed bases twice that's the reason it was late. But it was still good and nice. Thanks to H.K.H. and American Legion.

Lloyd W. Lease
Thanks a million to my old friends of Cherryville.

William L. Goins
Thanks so much for the Christmas package. Words can't express my appreciation.

Robert L. McCloud
Thanks, each and everyone for the nice gift I just received. All the articles will sure come in handy. The nuts were really good. Keep up the good work and we'll be back home together soon.

Jack Probst
It is hard to say just how much

Making a Fresh Start

MAKING a fresh start in life is not a matter of place or time. Very frequently, the desire to begin over again arises from the feeling that somehow we seem to have missed grasping life's deeper meaning, including our own relationship to it. And the conviction that personal or business affairs are becoming more and more discordant or unsatisfying gives support to this feeling. What, we may ask, is to be done about the matter? Surely we are entitled to go forward at all times, and to enjoy in ever-increasing measure our divine right to happiness, freedom, and plenty.

For the answer to this query, we need but turn to the words and works of Christ Jesus. Again and again did this great Teacher endeavor to make plain to those who wished to share in the blessing of his ministry, the fact that healing and salvation would be found in the degree that a spiritualized and demonstrable understanding of God was acquired. But to acquire this understanding, he insisted, mortals must be prepared to relinquish material beliefs and evil thinking, which cannot comprehend God, Spirit. In words unparalleled in their scope and emphasis, he declared (John 3:3), "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Spiritual renewal, then, is a prerequisite to entrance into the kingdom of God. In other words, in order to bring divine good into our present experience, our thinking needs to undergo a change of base, that it may accept the fact of spiritual reality as constituting the truth in every situation and circumstance. This implies becoming ever more conscious that the real man exists spiritually, not materially. The Master made very clear the absolute necessity of gaining a newborn sense of existence when he added, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit" (John 3:6). That is to say, material thinking is mortal, and its consequences are discord and mortality. Per contra, spiritual thinking is of Spirit, and the fruitage thereof is harmony and immortality. Spiritual understanding is the activity of divine intelligence and wisdom, bringing the loveliness and glory of real being to light.

Thus we see that making a fresh start is not a matter of place or of time. The kind of thinking that has brought about a sense of defeat and despair in one place is very likely, if uncorrected, to bring about the same result in another place. Nor is the human element of time sufficient of itself to improve our experience, since mistakes ignorantly made one day may all unwittingly be repeated the next. As Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, points out in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" (p. 201): "We cannot build safely on false foundations. Truth makes a new creature, in whom old things pass away and all things are become new." Obviously, any mere reshuffling of our thinking on the same old materialistic basis must always prove unavailing.

Selfishness, personal hostility, impatience, greed, "that which is born of the flesh," can but lead to moral and physical inharmonious. On the other hand, in the rebirth of our thinking to conform to the pattern of genuine being, we are laying claim to our God-bestowed heritage of spiritual dominion. . . .—The Christian Science Monitor.

I enjoyed the package and all of it was good. I thank you lots for it.
Cline Sellers
I want to thank you for my friends and myself, who enjoyed the package very much. May all of you have a very Merry Christmas.

Everette L. Patterson
Received your package today and many thanks. Was very nice and sure was glad to get it. Hope to be home before next Christmas.

J. D. Sisk
Thanks, Ray and Troy for the nice box. It was soon devoured by me and the fellows in my outfit. Thanks again and a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to you all.

Colon Carpenter

LETTER to EAGLE

In every newspaper we look at today we find alarming reports of petty crimes coming from the teen age groups who have been neglected proper recreational facilities. The population of Cherryville has escaped having a great increase in juvenile delinquency, nevertheless no one is to be commended for this record.

Now is the time for each person to look into the future and try to prevent the inevitable. Nothing could be more timely or fitting than a Civic Youth Center here in this community.

With proper sponsorship and management we could have a building open to the youth of Cherryville where they could meet and have some talk—a soft drink sandwich and possibly, ping-pong or a game of pool. This club could also make accommodations for a stranded soldier and offer

The Belmont Abbey Farm at Belmont is preparing approximately ten acres of land to be seeded in permanent pasture bixture this spring. They plan to seed a mixture of orchard and red top grasses, white top clover, and annual lespedeza drilled in with complete fertilizer. Mascot lime from stock on hand is being broadcast on old pastures for increased grazing and pasture maintenance.

him rest and enjoyment.

It has been wisely said that words cannot conclude a doing. It is the people's responsibility. Would you rather your boy or girl have clean fun at home or have them visiting nearby towns and roadhouses?

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AMERICA

The American is a life of individuality. We have boys on the battlefields fighting for us. Some are starving and dying that don't have anything to eat. We ought to be very thankful that we live in America today and have something to eat, clothes to wear and a place to sleep. Some of them would be very glad to eat a meal with their mother and father. Some of the German people would hug around the men and women's neck and then stab them in the back with knives. The people across the water have to eat out of garbage cans. They pour gasoline over the garbage and then burn it. Some of the people are paralyzed and those that have infantile paralysis are in the polio hospitals. We have good citizens in America. We go to school but some of us can't. We can worship and serve God and do what He commands. Our people can keep praying and buying War Bonds and Stamps.

By Margie Clark

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