

## JOYFUL NONSENSE

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Joyful Nonsense:  
Fully immersed in this world, Christians belong to no world. ♦  
Instead, while teased by each hope and every vision, they know them to be only hints of the new heaven and new earth rooted in divine promises. ♦ And our yearning to become lost in God only intensifies our tears over the thought of leaving this life. ♦ Christian existence is joyful nonsense.  
In a culture of self-realization, the Christian's call is to renounce self; in the face of noise, silence is the preference; in a world of competition, the Christian's declaration is that the winners will be the losers and the losers winners; in a culture whose economy is intent on consumption, the Christian insists on simplicity; in a culture structured by possessions, the insistence is upon detachment; in a culture intent on a high standard of living, the Christian insists upon a high standard of life; and at every point, the Christian exposes the emptiness of fullness for the sake of the gospel's fullness of emptiness. ♦ W.P.J.  
Powerful words, intense when taken to heart. ♦ Thought I might share them with you.  
Be Blessed, ♦ Dale