



"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to HIS purpose."
—Romans 8:28.

"Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord JEH-OVAH IS everlasting strength."
—Isaiah 26:4.

Loss With Great Gain

By H. Chris Wuethrich

When I was trucking sweet corn to the canning factory, last August, I picked up a soldier boy who was hitch-hiking. As he came into the truck with his army bag under his arm I noticed he had some verses from the Bible written on it. This aroused my curiosity, and I asked him if that was the army fad now to write all over their bags, or if maybe he was a minister of the army. He said no but wished he was. And he started to cry and cried bitterly for a while. This startled me and I did not know what to think. So I asked him if there was something I could do for him. He said no, that it was a long story, concerning the writings on his bag. As he started then he showed me his left hand was missing, which I hadn't noticed.

He was fighting in Guadalcanal; he and two other buddies were in a machine gun nest when a shell exploded near by. When he came to, he tried to get up, but could not, and also saw his hand was badly wounded. He managed to tie something around his wrist to stop the bleeding, and then called to his buddies, but no answer came. So he worked himself over to one of them, but no more words came from them.

His thoughts then went to his Mother, about the times that he had grieved her, and all the wrongs that he had ever done in his lifetime. He remembered the last night he had spent

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The "Unfeigned Faith That Is In Thee."

By Philip Gutwein, Jr.

"Unto Timothy my own Son in the Faith." (1 Tim. 1:2)

"I thank God . . . when I call to remembrance t h e UNFEIGNED FAITH that is IN THEE, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded IN THEE also." (2 Tim. 1:3 and 5)

"And that from a CHILD thou hast KNOWN the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee WISE unto

TREASURED VERSES

HEBREWS 12:11-13

"Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

"Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

"And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed."

SALVATION through FAITH which is in CHRIST JESUS." (2 Tim. 3:15)

Can you substitute **your name** for Timothy's in the above passage? Is FAITH also your blessed heritage? Are you of the household and lineage of FAITH, and did this most basic and potential gift which the heavens can bestow, also immortalize your name on the fair pages of heavenly records? I hope so!

I hope all of you who read these

lines and welcome **The Silver Lining**, the little monthly from back home, had the good fortune of young Timothy of being born into a Christian Home and reared in an atmosphere of "UNFEIGNED FAITH." It is a priceless privilege to hear from the lips of a believing Mother and to learn at the knees of a praying Grandmother—from a child to KNOW the holy scriptures, which are able to make one WISE—to know the plan of SALVATION, the Name of the SAVIOUR, and that through FAITH in His Name alone man must be saved upon the basis of GRACE.

If you had Timothy's opportunity, —or if not, for that matter,—you need not, and should not be content with any of the many confused, so-called "faiths and beliefs" that cannot SAVE, and insist to obtain the genuine: "T i m o t h y ' s UNFEIGNED Faith"*: the gift of Indwelling, Outworking, Heart-purifying, Soul-saving FAITH, which is in Christ Jesus.

The Sadducees, though surely knowing the letter, did therefore ERR, NOT knowing the scriptures (Mark 12:24). **True Faith** must ever rest upon **Truth** and not error. And the scriptures are the TRUTH, the inspired Word of God. God cannot lie. Satan is the father of lies. He introduced it in Eden with this discredit-

*Feign, according to the dictionary, means: "to make a pretense of." Unfeigned means "genuine."

Benefits Derived from the War

Viewing the War from the material side of life, we are the loser if we win the War; but viewing it from the Spiritual side we are already realizing some gains.

A changing spirit is taking place in the World in which there is a greater feeling of fellowship and people are more considerate toward their fellow men — they are turning their thoughts more to God, more people

ing phrase: "Yea hath God said???", casting **doubt and distrust** upon God's Word. Herein then is the essence of **UNBELIEF**, which corrupted man's mind and opened the floodgates, as it were, of transgression, sin and death, and **RUIN** upon man and man's Home, the Earth; leaving in its wake, a suffering, groaning creation, made subject to vanity; but not without **HOPE**. For it is the earnest expectation of a waiting creation to be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious Liberty of the Children of God by **REDEMPTION**.

GOD SPOKE again and gave to man the greatest **PROMISE** of the ages, the "Seed of the Woman," the "ONE SEED" of Abraham, Jesus Christ, the **REDEEMER**, in whom all the families of the earth shall be blessed. (And Abraham believed God) and (judged Him faithful who promised;) doubted not the seeming impossible promises of a far distant future, but embraced the **unseen**. Herein then is the **essence of FAITH**, which made Abraham the heir of the promises and the Father of all believers.

The essential scripture Truths, upon which **SAVING FAITH** must rest, as on a rock, thus are: Man is **DEAD** in sin and trespasses; the central **THEME** of the Scriptures is the glorious Plan of **REDEMPTION**, and the central figure in that plan, the glorious person of **JESUS CHRIST** and Him crucified; and the crowning **VICTORY** of all, His glorious **Resurrection**. These Truths also constitute the "GOSPEL OF SALVATION" as declared in 1 Cor. 15.

"He that is of God heareth God's Words . . ." (St. John 8:47).

are attending Churches and Sunday School, and in the past year there, were over seven million Bibles sold.

One of the wonderful things that has happened since this War began was the Eddie Rickenbacker case. This is one of the greatest pieces of evangelism that has ever occurred in this country. His turning to God when everything else had forsaken him and acknowledging his weakness and confessing his sins, then humbly turning to the millions of people through National publications and the Radio, was a wonderful piece of spiritual work and no doubt has taught many of our boys in the Armed Forces to turn to God when they

Hymn for the Month FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

Faith of our fathers! living still
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word:

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,
Were still in heart and conscience
free:

How sweet would be their children's
fate,
If they, like them, could die for thee!

Faith of our fathers! we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife;
And preach thee, too, as love knows
how,
By kindly words and virtuous life:

Chorus:
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

are confronted with serious problems.

Recently one of our boys returned from the Southwest Pacific Islands, who had encountered numerous raids from the Japs, and he made the statement he doesn't care how tough the boys were when they went into the Army, while they are in their fox-holes and the raid is going on, most of the boys turn to God in prayer or break down in tears.

If this terrible War will be responsible for softening and turning a number of souls to God, a lot will have been accomplished for the saving of one soul is worth more than the entire world.—**Ben Getz**.

Editorial ◀ ◀ ◀

When your thoughts turn, as they often do, to loved ones, the pleasant associations and familiar scenes of happier days are recalled. These memories of home—the way the sunshine streamed in on the breakfast table, father's favorite chair, the cooky jar, mother's sewing basket, the precious book, the Bible on the table—these are dear to you. Included also in your reminiscence might be the mottoes on the wall. Perhaps some of these are familiar and dear to you because they have been on the walls of your Christian homes since your childhood: "God Bless Our Home," "He Careth for You," "Jesus Never Fails," "Trust and Obey," "Jesus Cares," "Prayer Changes Things," "God Answers Prayer," "The Lord Is My Shepherd," "It Pays To Serve Jesus."

Recollection and thought on these and others might be an inspiration as we start the New Year.

May God bless each of you. We would like to suggest that you make the motto, "Christ, My Guide," yours for the New Year. Then for you the dark clouds of 1944 will surely have a beautiful "Silver Lining."

FREEDOM'S HOLY LIGHT

Peace will come to this tortured world again—and within our time. Although war and hatred seem to rule at this moment, the time is not too far away, when fertile lands will be teeming with workers of the soil, and great industries will be producing for the good of humanity, not the destruction thereof. And the Peace will be a just one — based on the guideposts for humanity as taught and demonstrated by the Prince of Peace. It will be a peace in which all are equal—so, renew your faith, and take heart, for Peace will come again.

"I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live by the light I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right, stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong."—**Lincoln**.

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NEWS

Our Sunday School attendance average for December was 67.8, a loss of 6.2 from November. On the 5th, 66 were there. On the 12th, A/S Gaylord Widner was with us, also Doris Rust from Harlan, totaling the attendance at 67.84 were present on the 19th, including Marian Aeschliman, Fort Wayne and William Hassig from Great Lakes, Illinois. Ted Bollier was also home this Sunday from the Army. Our total attendance dropped to 54 on the 26th. A/S Gaylord Widner and Ted Bahr were home. Visitors were Pat Conrad, Leo and H. C. Wuethrich of Francesville . . . Lena Farney and Joan Gudeman spent Christmas at their homes in Wolcott, Indiana . . . Edna and Margaret Meiss with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norr and

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Notice soldier and sailors and their families: Let **The Silver Lining** know immediately if you have a change in address. It would help us get the paper to you. May we have your help?—**Editor's Note.**

family went to their home in Cissna Park, Illinois over Christmas. Cissna Park was Mrs. Norr's former home . . . H. C. Wuethrich from Francesville, Indiana, gave the Sunday School class a very interesting talk on "God's Great Love, And His Gift," Dec. 26th. The experience he had with a veteran from Guadalcanal is given elsewhere in this paper . . . Sgt. Ted J. Bollier left for San Francisco, December 21st after a 14 day furlough with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bollier of Harlan . . . Leah, Rose, Adela, Percy Conrad and Marjorie and Al Frautschi spent New Year's at Rev. Jacob Frautschis' home at Toledo, Ohio. Also present was Mrs. Homer Reinick . . . Mr. and Mrs. Amos Pulfer and their little girl were visiting Amos' parents over Christmas . . . The Good Cheer Sewing Group will hold their first meeting this year on January 4, at the home of Rev. Otto Norr . . . Mr. and Mrs. Chris Wuethrich and family were visiting friends and relatives here over the Christmas holidays . . . Arthur Frautschi has been transferred from California to Camp Philips, Kansas . . . Harry Schwartz was home on Christmas day. Cpl. Henry Kipfer and his wife were here on the 19th. Theodore Bahr was home on leave over Christmas. David Bertsch has been dismissed from the hospital and is back in training . . . Jesse Stollers' attended services here at Christmas-time . . . Sylvan Bertsch visited here with his grandfather, Henry Bertsch. His father, Amos Bertsch was also here. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gerber are critically ill at this writing. Henry Groh is about the same. Jean Gruber's (the former Jean Schott) two children had appendicitis operations . . . Amelia Frank of Morton has been visiting at Walt Gerber's . . . Henry Schwartz' visited Francesville. Harry came from Purdue. On Sunday, January 2, Mrs. Henry Schwartz and son Arthur visited Bluffton . . . On Sunday, December 12, Gaylord Widner visited us. In the afternoon dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schwartz. Harry and two

of his friends were home. Other guests were Frank, Gerald, and De-lore Widner, Wayne Lantz, and Henry Souder, Jr. . . . From Tremont, Illinois, we learn that Dorthy Bertsch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Bertsch, announced her engagement to Eugene Bertschi of Eureka, Illinois. Dorthy is a sister to David . . . Mrs. David Bertsch visits her soldier husband about every Sunday. She makes her home for the time being with David's parents . . . On Thursday, December 9, women at the Tremont, Illinois church packed cookies for their soldier boys . . . On Thursday, December 9, Mr. Edward Getz and daughters, Mrs. Elias Souder and Mrs. Albert Frautschi, Mr. Henry Souder, Jr., and Mr. Wayne Lantz attended funeral services of Mrs. Matt Rapp of Morton, Illinois. Elder Noah Schrock of Oakville, Iowa, held the services. Mrs. Rapp was a sister to Mr. Edward Getz . . . Elders Sam Aeschliman from Bluffton, Indiana, Dave Mangold of Roanoke, Illinois, and Schubert of Morton, Illinois held services at church on Monday evening, December 2. Several families from Bluffton and Latty were here. Before the services they had supper at Mr. and Mrs. Albert Frautschi. Also attending at the supper were Mr. and Mrs. Otto Norr and Mr. Joel Souder. The elders stayed all night at Henry Bertsch's . . . On Sunday, January 2, Elder Elias Dotterer held baptismal services and communion. La Vada Steiglitz and Margaret Kipfer were baptized . . . On Thursday, December 2, a general fall house cleaning was held at the church. About twenty-five men and women helped . . . Arthur Schwartz has been inducted into the Navy under the SV-7 program and is awaiting call . . . There were 14 baptized in Bluffton on the 26th . . . A very interesting Christmas Program was given at the church on Sunday night, December 19th. Two songs, "Joy to the World," and "O Come, All Ye Faithful," sung by the group, opened the program. Vernon Klopfenstein gave a scripture reading, which was followed by "A Welcome" by Allen Jay Schlatter. Colleen Ann Schlatter sang "Away in a Manger." An exercise, "The Light of the

World," was given by Donald Schlatter, Oliver Stieglitz, V. K. Schlatter, and a quartet. Ethelyn Schlatter recited a poem, "Christmastide," followed by a song, "No Room for the Saviour" by Alberta, Lorene, and Erma Joy Steiner. "The Babe of Bethlehem," written by Henry Beer was given by Marceil Klopfenstein. Elaine Norr and Esther Kipfer sang "Silent Night," and a group from class 3 sang "God's Great Love." An exercise, "Seeking the Christ" was given by class 4, and the group sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "The First Noel," and "Star of the Midnight." A fitting poem, "Christmas '1943,'" was given by V. K. Schlatter, followed by "The Starlit Way" by Joseph Kipfer. George Stieglitz gave a poem, "The Road to Bethlehem," and Erma Joy Steiner gave "To Tell the Story." "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," and "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," were sung by the group, and "Peace On Earth" was given by Ruth Grueter, Marilyn Bollier, and Marjorie Zimmerman. Lena Farney gave a poem, "At Your Christmas Door." The program was closed by the group singing "O Sanctissima" and "Silent Night," and a closing prayer was given by Oscar Martin.

LOSS WITH GREAT GAIN

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with his Mother, before he left for service, and she asked him if she could read with him just the last verse of the chapter in the Bible, where it would open to. So she got the Bible and it opened at the third chapter of Saint John. And she read:

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

The thoughts of this verse made him think deeper and deeper, and also remembered his Mother teaching him to pray, and as he was praying, he became unconscious. He lay there that night and until the next afternoon when the medical corps boys came to pick up the dead and wounded. As they came to him, they said, "Here is one that is still warm." So they gave him "first aid" and put him on a stretcher and started to carry

him to the ambulance. But before they could reach it they said they would have to lay him down as they were being shelled again. So they laid him on his face, and they also lay on the ground by him. For over an hour the shells exploded all around them, and by the time this was over, he was a little stronger, from the "first aid" they had given him. He asked them how they could go out on the battlefield without any guns. And one of these boys quoted one of the same lines his Mother had read him, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life."

They got him to the hospital, but infection had set in his hand, and they had to take it off. He was there for nine weeks, and all that time he prayed to God for forgiveness, and promised to do better. He was released then, and came back to the good old U. S. A. He immediately wanted to go see his Mother. But when he arrived at his home she had died three months ago. This was a terrible blow to him and then he pulled a letter out of his pocket, edged in black, that his sister had written to him, and this letter had come back again the same day he did. He stayed home grieving a few days, but then came to him that this would not bring him any gain, that he would go out and make things right, and try to meet his Mother again. But he had so much wanted to go home to his Mother and show her he would do better, and stay with her evenings, like she used to beg him to, and now he can't.

He now was on his way to Lafayette to make some things right that he did when he was a truck driver there, that was not straight.

And then he was going to Indianapolis to try and stay in the service, and to teach the good Word to some others yet, as he felt that would be the only joy he had left, since his Mother was gone.

So I left him, wishing him the very best and hoping I would meet him again.

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