



"This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you."
—St. John 15:12.

"The Lord IS my light and salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord IS the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"
—Psalm 27:1.

Believe In God

John 14:1-5

When we turn the pages in our Bible to the above mentioned chapter, we find the last words Jesus spoke to His disciples:

"Let not your heart be troubled, believe in God. Believe also in me, for in my Father's house there are many mansions."

These are indeed words of consolation in these dark and troubled times in which we are living, such as the world has never known, with war clouds hovering over practically every nation on earth. Many young men are falling amidst shot and shell for the sake of freedom and peace. Truly, many are the hearts that are beating today, wishing for the war to cease and that the nations lay down their swords, to study war no more; that peace may be restored to earth so that our family circles may again be reunited.

There will be many cases whereby this will be forever impossible on earth. (Therefore, the clarion sound of the beautiful words of Jesus, which He spoke to His disciples when the shadow of the Cross was deepening and the storm of conspiracy was to break out.) All were troubled except the Master. He remained calm and strong. In this hour, He spoke the words that shine out like a rainbow through the dark clouds — that float out of the storm in immortal music to

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The Fear of the Lord, Is the Beginning of Knowledge

By Michael H. Weyeneth, Peoria, Ill.

Some might say, "Who is the Lord?" I will say of the Lord three things—He is my Creator; He is my Preserver; He is my Redeemer . . . and that has been proven to me time and again throughout my life journey, and especially as I was serving our nation as a soldier (going overseas with a convoy of fourteen ships. I experienced that

TREASURED VERSES

"And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God IS with men, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, AND BE their God."

—REV. 21:2-3.

man is inclined to evil more or less, if everything goes well). While we were sailing and sin was at its height, the guards saw a submarine and gave the warning signal. Then fear entered the hearts and many soldiers fell on their knees praying. It was a touching scene, and one I shall never forget. But—after a few hours the scare was over and we seemed to be sailing along smoothly again, and sin again took the upper hand. Oh, how dangerous it is

to trifle with sin, as one never knows what the next day or hour will bring. It says that clearly in the Bible . . . "Watch, for you know not what hour the Lord will come."

The man who with God's help can rule his own life is the most powerful ruler in the world. If you want to rule, try ruling your own thoughts, words, and actions. To avoid doing evil, do good; to avoid saying that which is evil, say that which is good; to avoid thinking evil, read your Bible . . . meditate upon it. Pray and think of higher things. If stiff training is necessary to make a soldier fit for service, how much more necessary for a Christian to train himself in the Holy Spirit.

Our ships landed in Liverpool, England. We then crossed the English Channel to Cherbourg, France, and from there direct to the battlefield. Yes, we took the same route as many of our boys are doing today. I stayed with my company. My work was to take care of the wounded as they fell, and to give first aid. I also drove an ambulance part of the time. I stayed and moved on with my company, and was under constant shell fire for seventy-two days, in the Argonne Battle, and was on the front lines when armistice was signed. It took quite awhile for things to calm down, and was hard to believe.

When the Armistice was signed . . .

I can truthfully say the Lord had been my Preserver. I well remember when I was cold and wet, filled with bodily pain, finding no place to rest my weary body, and felt deserted in every way, finally seeing an old church building that had nothing left but a pulpit. I threw my weary body beside it and fell asleep, even though the war was raging. I had a wonderful dream, and through the same could look into Heaven and hear Jesus say, "Let not your heart be troubled, for lo! I am with you always. In my Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you. If it were not so, I would have told you." When I awoke, I was much refreshed, soul and body, and knew that my Redeemer liveth.

I will mention one happening while on the battlefield. A one inch shot lit a few inches from me, but never exploded. If that shot would have gone off, I would not be here today. I feel like it was not only my prayer, but the prayers of the congregation and of the loved ones back home that protected me from harm and evil. I could tell much of my army life, but it is something we don't like to talk about. We want to forget the awfulness of it all. But with another war on now, it surely brings back memories we tried to forget. I will admit this . . . that all I saw and went through in World War No. 1 did not effect me as much as it did to see my son, Robert, enter into the service on March 26, 1942, and who has been overseas now for over a year. At present he is in Italy attached to a General Hospital. May God protect him and all the boys as He did me. The Lord will abide with us if we abide with Him. It is easier for man to call to his God, while in danger or pain or distress, but let us not forget Him when better days come, for then the evil temptations will come. Let us use Joseph for an example, who said, "How can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" . . . and fled from the tempter. Prayers can accomplish all, but the natural man cannot fully realize it, and that is why the Word of God tells us that we must be born again out of water and spirit and become a spiritual minded man,

and that creates newness of life, and the fruits are love, and the Word teaches us if we truly love God, we cannot sin. Let us pray without ceasing so that that love will not wax cold, or get luke warm . . . or there would be danger of again falling into sin.

I believe that is why the Lord sent out His followers to preach the Gos-

Hymn for the Month:

IS YOUR ALL ON THE ALTAR

You have longed for sweet peace, and
for faith to increase,
And have earnestly, fervently prayed;
But you cannot have rest; or be perfectly
blessed
Until all on the altar is laid.

Would you walk with the Lord, in
the light of His Word,
And have peace and contentment al-
way,

You must do His sweet will, to be free
from all ill,
On the altar your all you must lay.

Oh, you never can know what the
Lord will bestow

Of the blessings for which we have
prayed,

Till our body and soul He doth fully
control,

And our all on the altar is laid.

Who can tell all the love He will send
from above,

And how happy our hearts will be
made,

Of the fellowship sweet we will share
at His feet,

When our all on the altar is laid.

Chorus—

Is your all on the altar of sacrifice
laid?

Your heart, doth the Spirit control?

You can only be blessed and have
peace and sweet rest,

As you yield Him your body and soul.

pel . . . for He said, "Go, ye, into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," to repent and be baptized and be saved from everlasting destruction. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." If man would only know of the true joy of the Child of God, he would turn away from sin and follow Christ's teachings

TRUST

Trust is a five letter word which I believe is of greater importance in influencing the life and destiny of men and women than any other word in the dictionary. Have we ever paused to consider how completely trust envelopes our every action and our every being?

Let us consider the part that trust plays in our everyday life. Children trust their parents, realizing they will always protect them, feed them, and guide them safely, regardless of danger. We work for our employer trusting he will have the proper payment at the appointed time. We trust the salesman that what he is selling is as represented. The farmer plants his grain and feeds his cattle and poultry trusting he will reap a harvest over and above his costs. We have confidence in the banks and postal savings trusting they will wisely invest our savings. We trust our government officials that they will wisely guide the destiny of this nation in which we live. It seems impossible to think of any act or happening in our life in which trust does not play the major role.

When we think of the rewards we reap in trusting others, has it ever occurred to you personally what your reward might be if all your trust were placed in the hands of your Saviour and your God? All rewards received from a life of trusting our fellow men would seem as naught as compared to the reward received from a life of trusting in God and His promises. We must realize that the most precious thing in life cannot be ours, **namely to have Christ live within us**, unless we have complete trust in Him.

Young men and women in our armed forces: God has never forsaken a seeking, trusting soul and God's promises shall stand throughout time and into eternity.

Albert Frautschi,
Grabill, Indiana.

Because of lack of space the message, "The Millennial Kingdom," by S. H. Froehlich was omitted in this issue. It will appear in a later issue of "The Silver Lining."

N E W S

Richard Gerber of Paulding, Ohio, is improved at this writing.

The Good Cheer Group packed cookies after church Thursday, 31st for the boys in service.

Cpl. John J. Bollier and Sgt. Russel Stieglitz were home on a furlough during the month of August. They were entertained with a pot luck chicken dinner at the Grabill Park. There were 80 present and we enjoyed a visit with our boys.

Mr. Henry Bertsch and daughter, Matilda, entertained, in honor of Pvt. Eli David Bertsch, Mrs. Eli David Bertsch, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Bertsch, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bertsche, Alice Kipfer, Mrs. James Beltz and other relatives at Sunday dinner on the 20th of August.

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The average attendance for the month of Aug. was 67.75 a drop of 1.05 from July. August 6th there were 68 present including Sgt. Russell Stieglitz, his wife and daughter, Karen, Cpl. Jack Bollier and Edward Getz. They were also with us on the 13th, when the total attendance was 73. Mary Ann Beltz and Alice Kipfer were visitors on the 20th with 64 present. On the 27th Marjorie Dudenhaefer visited us bringing the attendance to 66.

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The Silver Lining Staff is always glad to hear from our boys in Service and all of our friends and readers. We received a letter from Pfc. Edwin Gutwein. His new address is Hdq. Det. 260, Port Bn. Staten Island Terminal. Stapleton, Staten Island, N. Y.

Excerpts of letters received from our readers:

"I am getting your Sunday School paper every month and I really enjoy it. Out here it is impossible to get much literature of a nature such as that and that is the first publication from our church. I welcome 'The Silver Lining' each month."

Pvt. Donald Emch,

Somewhere in the new Hebredies.

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"Dear Friend in Jesus' Name: Just

a few lines to let you know I enjoy getting this little 'Silver Lining' paper. I get many blessings out of reading it and I read every word in it. I received a blessing to read it to others and I love to read it to others for I am interested in lost souls. I pray and ask God to bless the dear loved ones that take part in sending this little paper to me."

Mrs. Henry Datson,
Loudersville, Alabama.

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"Dear Ones: I have been receiving 'The Silver Lining' now for some time, and I always wanted to write and thank you for sending it to me. I would have written sooner but have been on the move for some time.

I enjoy the paper very much, and I pass it on to my buddy. He also enjoys it.

The weather has been very hot and dry, also very dusty. We are getting our fill of melons, peaches, plums, etc. There is some very beautiful country here.

I wish to thank you again for the paper. It really helps."

Bob Weyeneth,
Somewhere in Italy.

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Rev. and Mrs. Theo Beer, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harter, and Harold Beer of Milford attended services at Fort Wayne, Wednesday evening, August 30.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lantz are expecting their son, Wayne, home on a week end leave from Solomons, Washington D. C, where he is in service.

Our Editor, Henry Souder Jr., spent his vacation at The Spalding Hotel, Michigan City. An enjoyable vacation was spent with relatives and friends from Elkhart, Indiana and Morton, Ill.

Herman Schlatter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schlatter of Latty, Ohio moved to Camp Barkley, Texas from Fort Benjamin Harrison.

David Bertsch graduated from Medical Supply Service School at St. Louis, Missouri. He spent an eight-day furlough with his wife at the home of Otto Norr and is returning to

Camp Grant, Illinois to await assignment.

Elder Ernest Graff of Akron, Ohio, and Rev. Henry Beer of Milford, Indiana are visiting the Alabama Congregation.

On August 13th, Rev. and Mrs. Joel Souder, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schweitzer, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Levy, and Mr. and Mrs. Ulrick Kipfer, all of Leo Church visited the members at Archbold, Ohio.

Mrs. Christ Waldbeser from Morton, Illinois visited the George Stieglitz family and returned with her son who has been vacationing here.

Mrs. Emma Goff and Mrs. Henry Stieglitz both of Morton, Illinois returned home after visiting their sister, Mrs. Minter.

On August 20th the 66th Sunday School meeting was held at the church. The theme for the evening was "Only Return," which was carried out with two Bible Characters, the Prodigal Son and Zacchaeus. A discussion was given on this subject by Al Frautschi. Monalou Bertsch sang, "Zacchaeus" followed by a poem, "'Tis simple as can be," by Donna Bertsch. The Bertsch Quartet consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Bertsch of Tremont, Illinois, Mrs. Eugene Bertsche of Eureka, Illinois and Pvt. David Bertsch of Camp Grant, Illinois sang, "The Prodigal's Return." Joseph Kipfer gave a reading, "Jesus and I." "The Disappointed Soldier" was given by Donald Schlatter, and then the Stieglitz Quartet sang, "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Ephraim Kipfer read, "The Picket Song." We were then favored with another song from the Bertsch Quartet. Mary B. Wuethrich recited a little closing piece.

A daughter, Theresa Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Terrell. She was the former Hazel Bollier.

A daughter, Betty Sue, was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wuethrich of Francesville, Indiana.

The Silver Lining offers best wishes to two of our Sunday School girls: Mrs. Philipina Coles was Miss Philipina Levy before her marriage at Fort Wayne, Indiana, August 10, 1944. Mrs. Esther Police was Miss Esther Hassig before her marriage at Fort Wayne, Indiana, August 26, 1944.

BELIEVE IN GOD

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comfort the world until time shall be no more.

Let not your heart be troubled, let us trust and believe in God. He will save us from the wrath to come; and eventually, when our work on earth is done, He will present us with one of those beautiful "mansions," not made by human hand, but whose foundation will be everlasting in the Heavens. Here, the broken family circles will all be reunited for those who have been faithful to God. There will be no more parting, sorrow, or pain, but everlasting peace and joy beyond the sunset, when the day is done.

So then when peace like a river attendeth our way and troubles like sea billows roll, whatever our lot, let us trust in the Lord, and believe it is well with our souls.

S. E. Gerber,
South Bend, Ind.

Life is made up, not of great sacrifices or duties, but of little things, in which smiles and kindness, and small obligations given habitually are what win and preserve the heart and secure comfort.

Read the Bible daily; meditate on its glorious truths; live out its great precepts; and obey its commandments. You can find no better, surer, and more perfect guide. It is God's guide-book for man.

Many men owe the grandeur of their lives to their tremendous difficulties.

Faithfulness and sincerity may start in any surroundings, but they reach to Heaven.

If He leads us we may be sure that we are going safely.

One good deed is worth many good intentions.

All who joy would win, must share it—Happiness was born a twin.

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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.**

"Dear Friends: My little papers are about worn thin. I give them to invalids and the older folks who have time to read, and they all enjoy them very much. I don't believe you folks realize how much good the little paper is doing and may the Lord help you and bless you in your efforts. Emma Getz, Tremont, Illinois."

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