

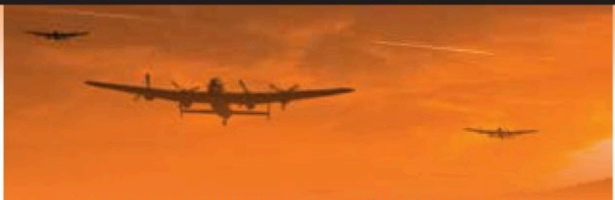
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From Above

In 1941, when I was about 19 years old, a pretty girl named Lenore moved in across the street. She was different from other girls, and to me she had outstanding character. She told me that I was a sinner and needed to be saved in order to be in Heaven. To a self-righteous church member like me, this was quite a shock! In our church service there was a public confession of sin, but not as an individual sinner in the sight of a Holy God. We believed that Christ had died for the sins of the world. I cannot remember being told that a person needed to be saved; it was church membership and doing the best you could.

Soon after, as Canada's involvement in World War II continued, I said goodbye to Lenore and enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force, trained in various places in Canada, and in August of 1943, I was sent overseas to fly with the 78 Squadron, #4 Group, Royal Air Force.



During this time, Lenore wrote to me, sent Gospel literature and prayed for my safety. Looking back now, I can see the goodness of God and how her prayers kept me safe and free from the sins that so many young men experienced.



I think of one time especially, when our plane's engines blew and left us dropping down to the freezing North Sea. We hit the water, tail-first, and I went out the hatch, hoping to exit on to the wing as I'd been trained. But the wing was already disappearing into the icy water! I inflated my life jacket, righted the dinghy, and as my crewmen's heads began bobbing up around me, we hauled each other into the raft. Miraculously, all seven of us had made it out.



Shortly after I returned home, I began to attend Gospel meetings. But as a self-righteous person, I did not see my need of a personal experience with the Lord Jesus Christ.

However, on the evening of October 14, 1945, I went home very impressed with the words of Isaiah 53:6, **"All we like sheep have gone astray: we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him (Christ) the iniquity of us all"**. I knelt by my bed and carefully went over this verse, admitting to God that I had gone astray and turned to my own way. I believed that God had laid my sins on His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. I confessed to God that I was a sinner and accepted Christ as my personal Saviour. A verse of a hymn comes to my mind, still as dear to me now as it was then:

I have seen the cross of Jesus,

Gazed upon the crucified:

And my heart is won forever

I am saved and satisfied.

I praise God for preserving me throughout the war. He brought me home safely to find Christ, and then return to Lenore and marry her. Now, I look back over 69 years of being in Christ, still

satisfied and rejoicing with the faithfulness of God. **"I will never leave thee nor forsake thee"** Hebrews 13:5.

Dear reader, if you've never accepted Christ as your Saviour, your soul is in danger of spending an endless eternity in the lake of fire (Hell). **"Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire"** Revelation 20:15.

But you need not remain on "the broad road which leadeth to destruction", Matthew 7:13. God tells us in the Bible, **"Christ died for the ungodly"** Romans 5:6. It was on the cross that the Lord Jesus Christ died for sinners. It was during those three dark hours that Christ bore the judgment for sin. If you will believe the truth, that it was for your sins He died, you will be made righteous in the sight of God. **"For as by one man's (Adam) disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of One (Jesus) shall many be made righteous"** Romans 5:19.

Now dear reader, do you realize you are a sinner? **"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God"** Romans 3:23.

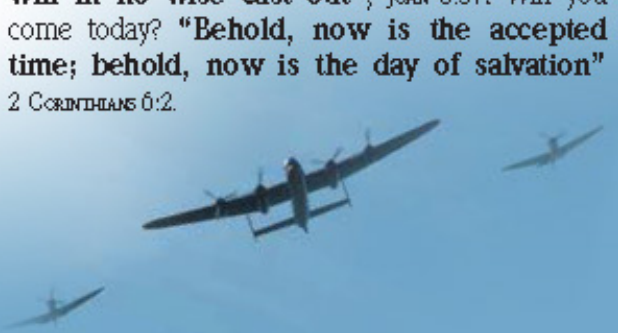
Do you know that the rejection of Christ as your Saviour means the lake of fire for all eternity?

"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" John 3:36.

Do you see it now? Christ died for you, the sinner, and in doing so bore the penalty you deserve to bear.

Accept Him now as your Saviour and enjoy the truth of Romans 6:23, **"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord"**.

Jesus said, **"Whosoever comes to Me I will in no wise cast out"**, John 6:37. Will you come today? **"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation"** 2 Corinthians 6:2.



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