

# Week 22

# Day 1



## Jehovah Rocks:

*The people who spend time with You in worship and pray are people who can rejoice and know that life is good. They will praise You forever! (Psalm 84:4)*

## See It:

'God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for Him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.' (Matthew 5:3)

## On It:

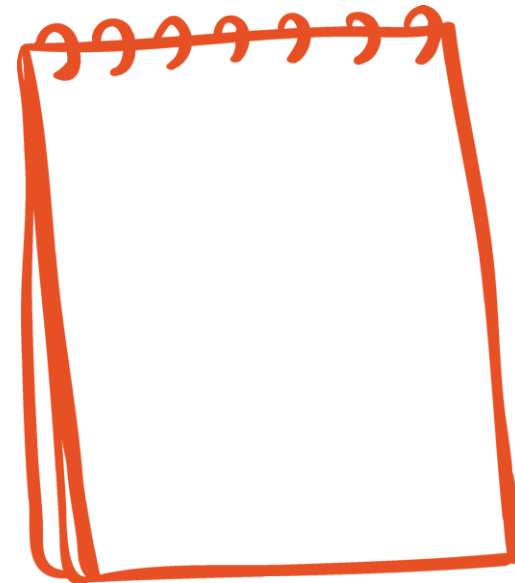
The 'Beatitudes' come from a famous message from Jesus to crowds of people one day while standing on a mountainside. It's famous because it gives us a good idea as to what Jesus values, and what the Father wants us to be like. It's kind of strange though and can be hard to understand. The first one for today says that God blesses those that are poor. Does that mean that God doesn't bless the rich? Well the first thing we must understand is that we are talking about the Kingdom of Heaven and not the kingdom of earth. God's ways, and our ways are not the same, but believe me... His ways are better! Now if you think about a rich person for a second you will realize that they have everything they need to feel happy. They can buy their way into a life on earth that is very comfortable and may not ever need to think about relying on God. If people forget to include God in their lives today, they may forget every day and that only leads in one direction for eternity... hell. When we need God, we call on God and when we call on God our lives are a bazillion times better... even if it doesn't seem that way here on earth.

## Live It:

General Albert Orsborn defined The Salvation Army as, "the stormiest wind that ever blew through the halls of orthodoxy." We think that he alluded to the Holy Spirit as 'wind' blowing LIFE into mere right beliefs (orthodoxy).

## Do It:

Think of ten ways God has blessed you.



## In It:

Thank You for the Bible and that we can know the things that Jesus taught us.

## Eat It:

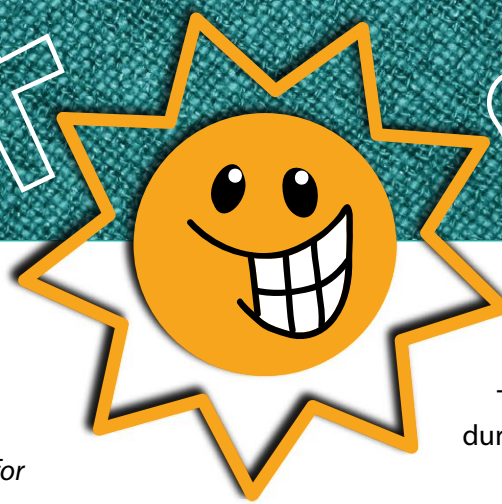
'We believe that in the person of Jesus Christ the divine and human natures are united so that He is truly and properly God and truly and properly man.' (Doctrine Four)

## Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Proverbs 7-9, & Romans 9

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# Day 2



## Jehovah Rocks:

*Blessed are the people who rely on You and know that You are their source of strength. They know that their life is devoted to You and in following all that You have for them. (Psalm 84:5)*

## See It:

'God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.' (Matthew 5:4)

## On It:

You see, when we are sad things can be awful. Bad things can happen here on earth. Now I pray that God will protect me and my family, but here on earth, bad things happen... it is just what happens in life. So how does God respond to this? There is a famous story of this guy who had a dream of two people walking along a beach; one was God and one was him. The walk through the sand was the journey of his own life. When looking over the footsteps in the sand he realized that during the hardest times of his life there were only one set of footprints. He was upset and wondered why God would leave him alone during the hardest time in his life. But God said that He had not left him, but instead He had been carrying him through those times. The message of the story and of today's verse is that God comforts us. He loves us. He blesses us with His Spirit and with the ability to heal. God wants to be with us through hard times. The creator of the universe wants to comfort you through any pain or trouble you go through... and that is an amazing blessing.

## Live It:

Here's the multiplication maxim: Salvationists aim at multiplying multiplying disciples multiplying multiplying bases. (base = cells + hubs [Infinitum hubs])

## Do It:

Take your Bible to school take it out to read at some point during the day.



## In It:

Please use me Lord! Please help me to know what to say, when to say it and who to say it to!

## Eat It: Doctrine Four

'In the person of Jesus Christ.' Jesus Christ. Christ is not His surname (last name). It means 'Messiah' or 'Anointed One'. He is Jesus, the anointed one. Jesus means 'Yahweh saves'. Memorize this doctrine.

## Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Proverbs 10-12, & Romans 10

# Week 22

# Day 3



## Jehovah Rocks:

*Yahweh You are perfect! And I will trust You with my life and know that I am safe. (Psalm 84:12)*

## See It:

'God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth.' (Matthew 5:5)

## On It:

God is the greatest. There is no one better. God made everything! He made animals, plants, trees, oceans, mountains... He made people! There is no one better! So when you walk around thinking we are the greatest; when you brag and put others down for not being as good as you; when you boast about how you can do better things than anyone else; when you take credit for the talents that God has given you instead of praising God for them... you are being the opposite of humble. And when you are the opposite of humble (which is arrogance) it means you are trying to make yourself like God. Instead, God wants us to be humble. God wants us to rely on Him and to know that we are the child and He is the Father. When we know this, and live like this, God can bless us because He can trust that we will give the glory and honour to Him and not try to keep it for ourselves.

## Live It:

Following yesterday's 'live it', we want to make disciples who are making disciples who are making bases that makes bases. Multiply, multiply, multiply (remember earlier in the year we said that multiplication was better than addition for our mission!).

## Do It:

Make a list of all the things in creation that God made and try to get to fifty!

## In It:

Pray for someone on your prayer list for a longer time than usual and then send them a little card letting them know you have prayed for them.

## Eat It:

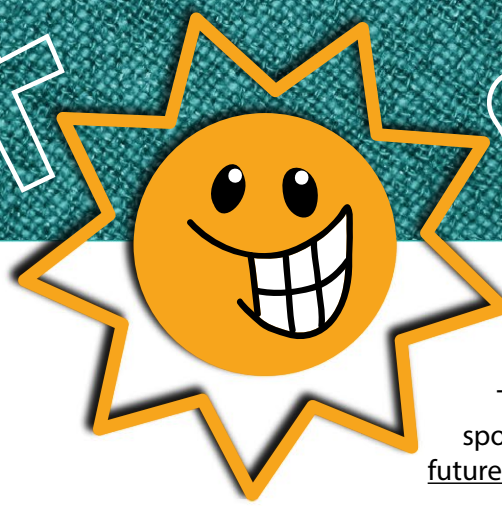
Doctrine Four  
'The divine and human natures are united.' Something that is divine has to do with God. Something that is human has to do with people. Our nature is human. Jesus is unique in that He had a divine nature AND a human nature.

## Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Proverbs 13-15, & Romans 11

# Week 22

# Day 4



## Jehovah Rocks:

*Blessed are the people who know that worshipping  
You is the greatest way to live life. I love to walk close to  
You and feel the light of your presence. (Psalm 89:15)*

## See It:

'God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied.' (Matthew 5:6)

## On It:

Have you ever had something happen to you that was really unfair? One time my brother was annoyed with me and he punched me in the face! My lip started bleeding and I ran straight to my mom to declare my brother's wrongdoing. My mom was not happy... with either of us. She said I must have done something bad to annoy him enough to punch me and so she punished us both! The world is a very unfair place for many people. People are starving, dying from diseases that just a little medication could fix, children are used as slaves, women are sold into prostitution... the list of injustice goes on. Western countries make up 20% of the world's population but use up 80% of the world's resources (which means stuff) and leave the poorest 80% of people with just 20% of the world's stuff. We have to change the world. We have to fight to make it fair for everyone, no matter where you are born. God loves it when we try to make it better for all His children. God loves it when we fight for justice. So, let's find a way!

## Live It:

A soldier must be ready to preach, pray, or die at a moment's notice.

## Do It:

Try to get three of your friends to convince their parents to sponsor children from [salvationist.ca/world-missions/brighter-futures/](http://salvationist.ca/world-missions/brighter-futures/).



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## In It:

God, please bring peace and love throughout the world and help me to do my part.

## Eat It:

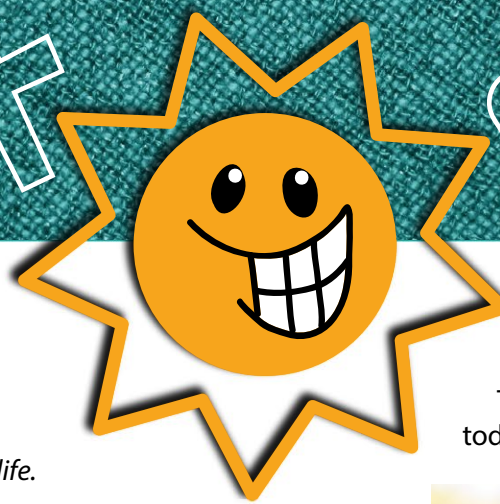
'Truly and properly God!' Jesus is God. Some people of different religions get confused when we tell them that Jesus is the Son of God (which is true). So, it is usually more effective to tell them that Jesus IS God (which is true).

## Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Proverbs 16-18, & Romans 12

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# Day 5



## Jehovah Rocks:

*My life is better when I listen to You and follow Your ways. I am blessed when I do the things you require of me and when I learn of the way You want me to live my life.*  
(Psalm 94:12)

## See It:

'God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy. God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God.' (Matthew 5:7-8)

## On It:

There is a great parable that Jesus tells where a man, let's call him Bob, owes a very large debt that he cannot possibly pay to a richer more powerful man, let's call him Frank. He was about to be thrown into jail, but Bob begs Frank for more time. Frank gives him a second chance and Bob walks free. On his way home Bob bumps into a poor man, let's call him Tom, who owes Bob just a small amount of money. Bob is very unhappy with Tom and he throws him into jail! How unfair! Bob was given mercy and yet he didn't show any to others. God loves it when we show others the same kind of love that He shows us. We have been forgiven of our sins and blessed with so many good things. So, when we hold a grudge against others, or treat them badly... even if you think they deserve it... we are not showing mercy. God is a God of justice and He knows the score. Don't worry about getting revenge and instead just show love, kindness and mercy to everyone you meet. It is hard and there are not many who will think it is a good idea but remember God's ways are different to ours and they are better.

## Live It:

'Here is a war in which you will win celestial honours; honours that will last forever. Will you enlist? We take all recruits in this Army.' (General William Booth)

## Do It:

Think of someone you need to forgive and go and tell them today that you do.



## In It:

Thank You so much for all the love You show me and help me to show that love to others.

## Eat It:

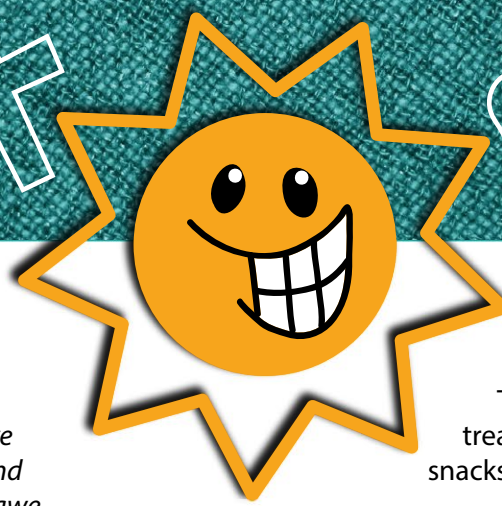
'Truly and properly man.' When we are convinced that Jesus is God it is sometimes tough to know that He is also human. But He was. He ate, got tired, played games, worked, went to school, did His rations, and even went to the toilet, just like you and us. Keep memorizing this doctrine.

## Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Proverbs 19-21, & Romans 13

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# Day 6



## Jehovah Rocks:

*Praise You, Yahweh! You are perfect and You know all things! I love You and want to show You how much I love You by the way I live my life for You. You are so strong and powerful that I bow my head before You in respect and awe.*  
(Psalm 112:1)

## See It:

'God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.' (Matthew 5:9)

## On It:

It's easy to get fired up and angry. It is easy to feel wronged and tell others how unfair things are. Not a week goes by when I don't hear a child say, "it's not fair!" The problem is not the complaining... though I must admit I find it more annoying than fingernails on a blackboard. The problem is when people act on their angry feelings and turn that into a fight. Have you ever hit someone when you were angry? What was your excuse? Let me guess... they hit me first! That's not an excuse or a justification for hitting someone. If someone treated you badly, it does not give you permission to treat them badly. God wants us to make a set of rules for ourselves and keep them regardless of whether we are treated poorly or well. And those rules? To be people of peace! God doesn't want His children fighting over land, power, resources... or any other silly reasons that end up in war. He wants us to be people of peace, and all starts with the little decisions you make in your day to day. Treat people well, regardless of how you are treated. It's hard... but we are radical!

## Live It:

'If you have a heart to love, come along. We want men and women indifferent to all other aims and ends but the extension of the Kingdom of Jesus.' (General William Booth)

## Do It:

Think of someone who is usually pretty mean to you and treat them really well today. Maybe offer them one of the snacks from your lunch.

## In It:

Forgive me for getting angry and being mean to others. Forgive me for being selfish and annoyed when things don't go my way.



## Eat It: Doctrine Four

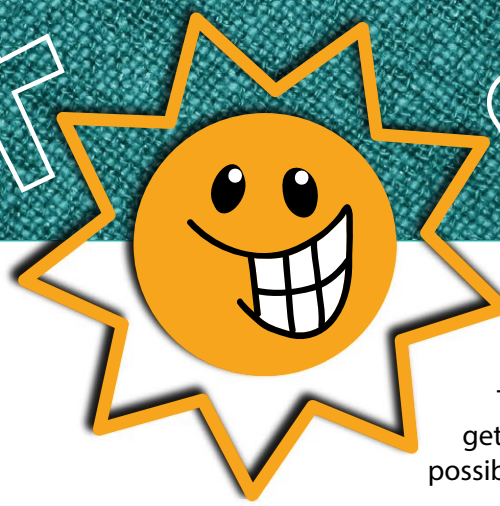
Why is this an important doctrine? As a human, Jesus can relate to our experience. As God He can provide a way out of sin.

## Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Proverbs 22-24, & Romans 14

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# Day 7



## Jehovah Rocks:

*You have made a promise to love me and be with me.  
I know that You will bless me all of my days. Thank You!*  
(Psalm 115:12)

## See It:

'God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. "God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are My followers. Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in Heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.' (Matthew 5:10-12)

## On It:

Jesus is the Son of God. He is perfect. He never sinned. He was holy. And you know how things ended for Him on earth? He was beaten and crucified! Now, most of the time you will not be persecuted for believing in Jesus. People are fairly nice about having a faith these days. But when you start talking about Jesus and asking others to follow Him, people can sometimes start to get a little mean. They might call you names, they might exclude you from things and bully you, and they might even hurt you! But you know what? It is all worth it! The Kingdom of Heaven is waiting for us, and God wants as many of his children there as possible. We have to do our part regardless of how we are treated for it.

## Live It:

Understanding the quote from the past two days... basically, Booth is telling us that when we tell others about Jesus, we are fighting in the war. The war is over people. Satan wants as many as he can get but God wants us all because we belong to him. So, we join God's army and we try to win people to Jesus. And if you want to join this army... you can! All are welcome! But to be in the Army you have to make the battle for saving people your first goal in life.

## Do It:

Tell someone about Jesus today. Tell what is needed to get saved (repent of sins and believe in Jesus). And then if possible, pray for salvation then and there!



## In It:

Give me courage to love people and be nice to them, even if they are mean to me.

## Eat It: Doctrine Four

We believe that in the person of Jesus Christ the divine and human natures are united so that He is truly and properly God and truly and properly man. Recite it. Memorize it. And tell it to five people today.

## Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Proverbs 25-27, & Romans 15