

# CREST

## THE SCRIPTURE

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name [but Jesus] under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."  
—ACTS 4:12

## THE SIGNIFICANCE

The Salvation Army Crest was designed by Captain William H. Ebdon and first appeared in a letter from Bramwell Booth to Elijah Cadman dated March 26, 1879.

Today, it is an international symbol throughout the Army world. Each piece of the Crest represents a particular belief or aspect of the Christian faith.

The Sun represents the light and the fire of the Holy Spirit.

The Cross represents the cross on which Jesus died for an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

The Letter "S" represents salvation, which is available to all people through Jesus Christ.

The Crossed Swords represent God's Word, our weapon, with which we find for God & salvation, and against sin & the Devil.

The Gospel Shots represent seven basic truths of the Gospel as identified in the original seven Articles of Faith drawn up by William Booth.

"Blood and Fire" is the motto of The Salvation Army.

The Crown represents the eternal reward of life in heaven for all who are faithful to Jesus.

# THE SYMBOL



# SHIELD

## THE SCRIPTURE

"The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." —PSALM 18:2

## THE SIGNIFICANCE

The Red Shield is an internationally recognized symbol of The Salvation Army. Traditionally, it has been largely associated with the Social Service ministries, but more recently it has become a public representation of The Salvation Army's ministry as a whole.

It represents the shield the Army provides to people in need of spiritual, physical, financial, or emotional help. It also represents our faith and trust in God as our shield and salvation.

At the turn of the twentieth century, a Silver Shield with the words "Salvation Army" embossed on it was worn as a badge by many Salvation Army personnel, especially those serving with the British Defense Forces. The shields of Officers were embossed with red as a distinguishing feature. Col. Walter Peacock, a Canadian Salvation Army Officer, designed and introduced a red shield into Canadian held trenches in France in 1915. The silver was eventually permanently replaced by red enamel, becoming a symbol of Salvation Army service.

The Red Shield was adopted worldwide soon after.

# THE SYMBOL

# THE FLAG

## THE SCRIPTURE

"As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army ... Moses built an altar and called it "The LORD Is My Banner." —EXODUS 17:11-13, 15

## THE SIGNIFICANCE

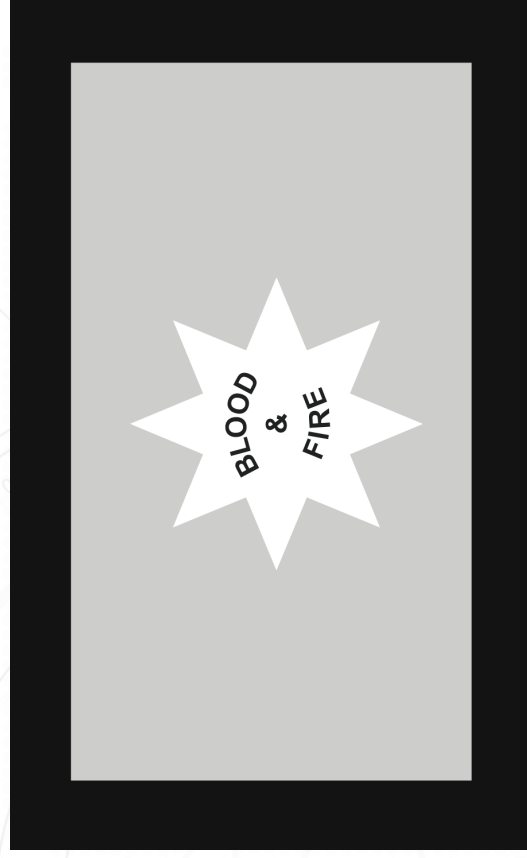
The Flag is a central element in every corps and is used in every Salvation Army ceremony. It is also present as a public witness in Salvation Army outreach efforts such as Open-Airs, outdoor meetings, marches of witness, etc. When Salvationists stand under the Flag in witness or to make promises, they acknowledge belief in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, claiming the holiness, salvation, and power of God in their lives.

While the Flag represents The Salvation Army, it also carries deep symbolism that portrays that The Salvation Army is a mainstream Christian Church accepting the doctrine of the Trinity of God: God the Father is represented by the Blue border, which symbolizes the holiness and purity of God.

God the Son is represented by the Red inner layer, symbolizing the atoning blood of Jesus, shed on the cross.

God the Holy Spirit is represented by the Yellow Star, symbolizing the fire of the Holy Spirit.

The phrase "Blood and Fire" represents the experience of full salvation: being set free from sin by the blood of Jesus Christ, and being set apart and empowered to live holy lives by the fire of the Holy Spirit.



# THE SYMBOL

## SOCIAL SERVICES

### THE SCRIPTURE

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. ... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine you did for me." —**MATTHEW 25:35-36. 40**

### THE SIGNIFICANCE

It was a cold and windy night in the East end of London when General William Booth was walking home and noticed people huddled in doorways, covering themselves in newspapers and rags, trying to protect themselves from the cold. His heart was stirred and he decided right there on the street that he would open shelters for the poor, hungry, alcoholic, jobless, homeless, sick, and discouraged people he was noticing day after day. People were given food, clothing, a place to sleep, and also the good news that God loved them, was willing to forgive their sins and help them turn their lives around. Lives were changed in these early shelters. This was the beginning of what The Salvation Army now calls its 'social work'.

Today, lives continue to be changed as The Salvation Army continues to tirelessly provide for the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of hurting people through its Social Services efforts all over the world. From shelters to food assistance programs, help for the abused and neglected to rehabilitation for addicts, soup kitchens to medical care—in an endless list of services, The Salvation Army serves with care, dignity, and compassion, all in the name of Jesus. The Salvation Army is best known all around the world for its exemplary Social Services ministry.

The Salvation Army's commitment to social services has shaped our views on abstinence from any and all harmful and addictive habits, including alcohol, tobacco, drugs, gambling, and pornography. So as to protect one's own body, mind, and spirit from the often enslaving nature of such habits, as well as in an effort to stand alongside and encourage those who struggle with addictions in these areas, Salvation Soldiers commit to total abstinence as part of their covenant.

# THE SYMBOL

## SOLDIERS & OFFICERS

### THE SCRIPTURE

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." —1 PETER 2:9

### THE SIGNIFICANCE

The soldiers of The Salvation Army are active members who live a life of CHRIST-centred, OTHERS-focused faith in sacred covenant within The Salvation Army. They affirm the doctrines and practices of The Salvation Army and have signed the Soldier's Covenant.

Soldiers may take on volunteer and/or vocational responsibilities both within the corps and in the Army's broader ministries. Trained and qualified soldiers are appointed as "local officers" holding key lay leadership positions.

Other members of the congregation may be Adherents, who express faith in Jesus Christ, participate in the life of the church, but who have not made a commitment of Soldiership. Adherents may take on some lay responsibilities within the corps.

Soldiers have the privilege of wearing the Salvation Army uniform and promise to abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages, drugs, and tobacco, for the sake of protecting both themselves and others from the enslaving potential of these habits.

Salvationists hold to the conviction that all believers are members of a "royal priesthood" and as such, the uniform (which relates to a priestly garment) is worn by both Soldiers and clergy (Officers) alike. Officers are Soldiers who have dedicated their lives, skills, and service completely to God in full time vocational ministry, in response to God's specific call on their lives to be an Officer within The Salvation Army. They have completed an intensive two-year training at a Salvation Army College for Officer Training, have signed the Officer's Covenant, and have been ordained and commissioned as ministers within the Christian Church. Officers are ordained with the rank of Lieutenant, and may be promoted to Captain and Major through years of service, and Lieutenant Colonel, Colonel, or Commissioner dependent on specific appointment, or elected to General.



LIEUTENANT



CAPTAIN

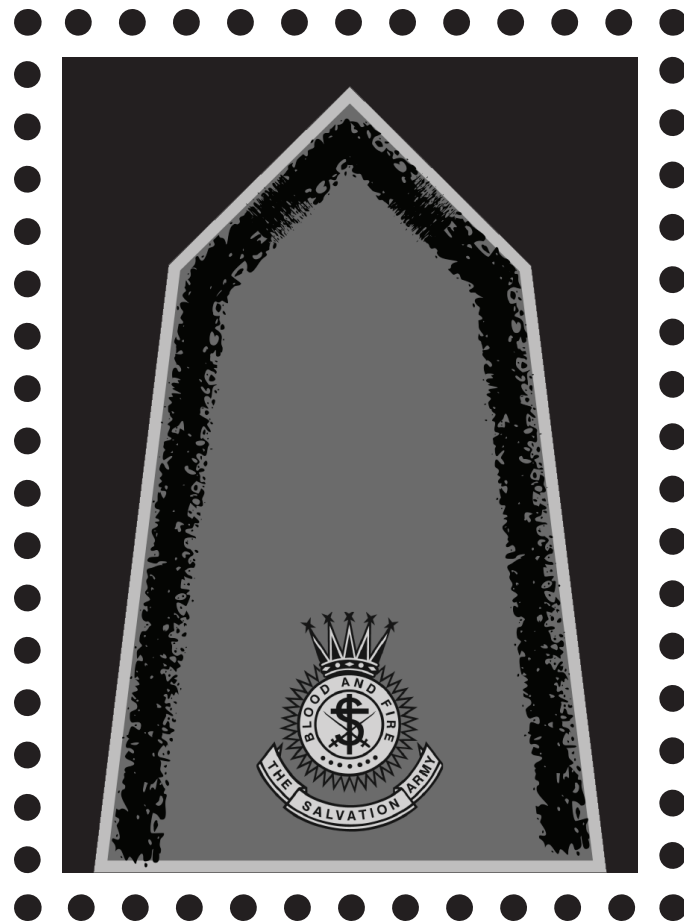
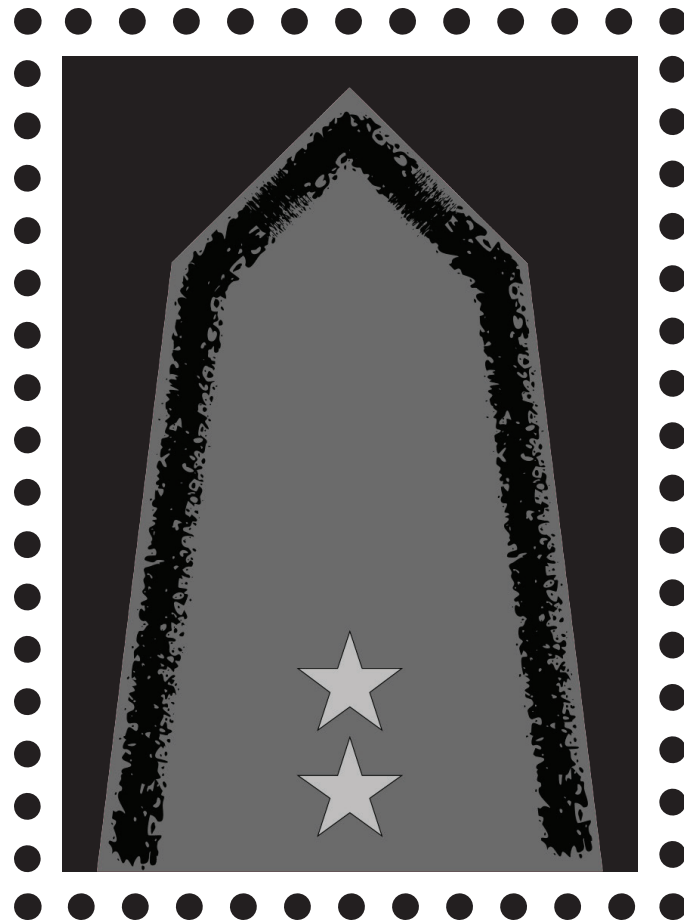
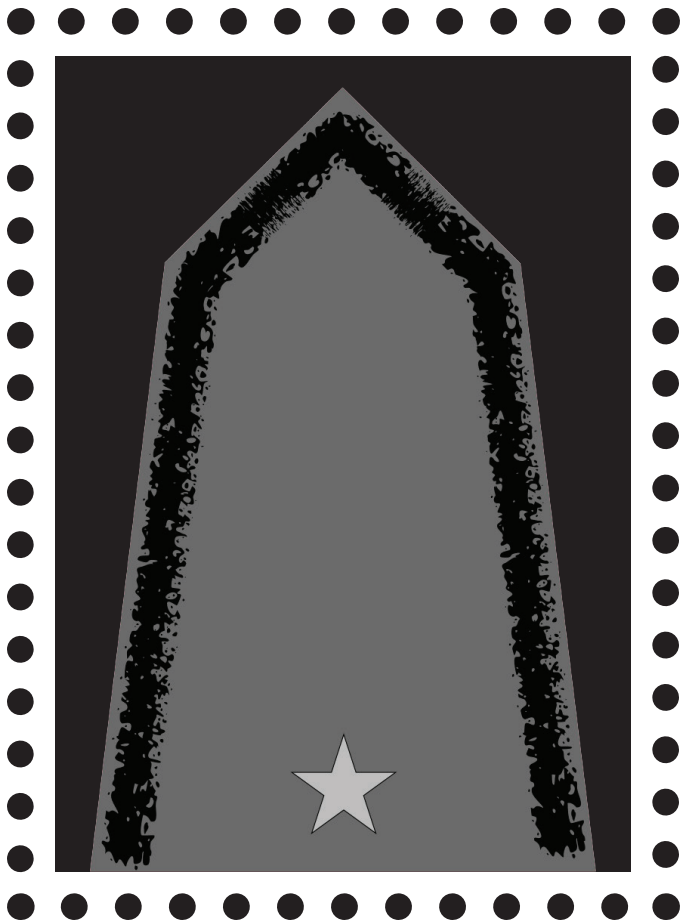


MAJOR



LIEUTENANT  
COLONEL







COLONEL



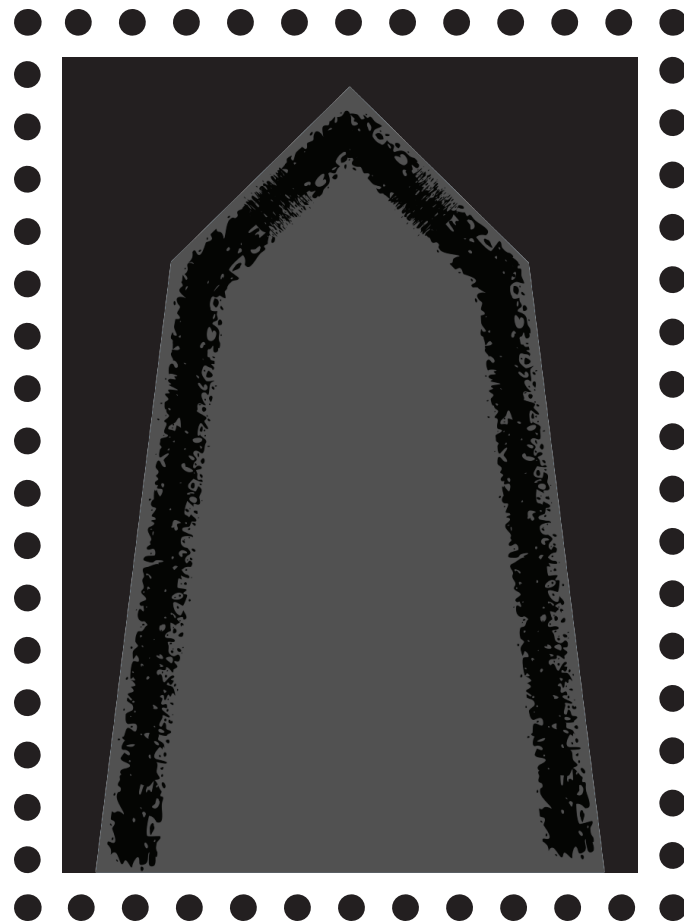
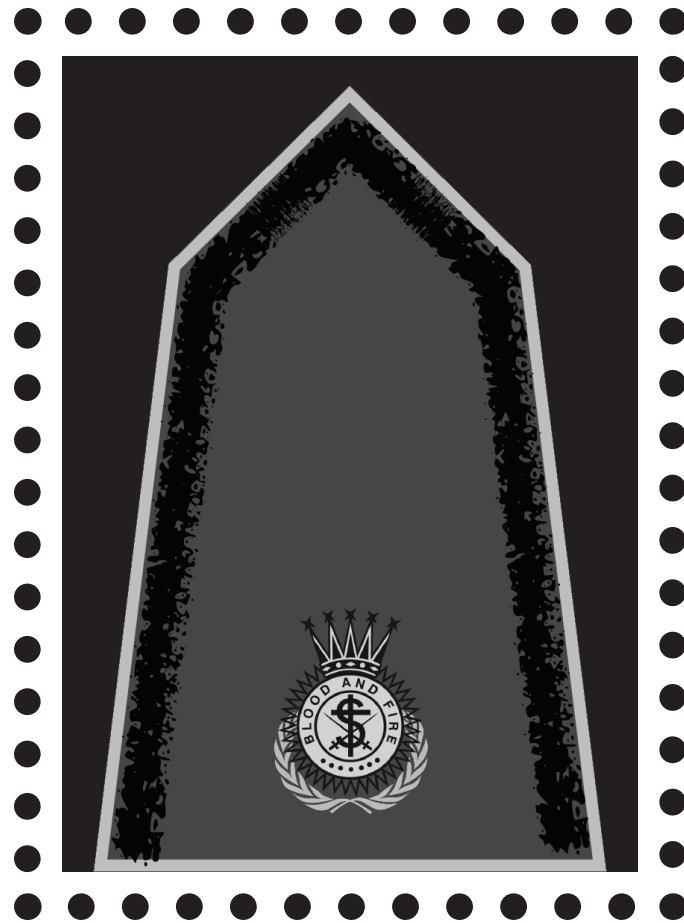
COMMISSIONER



GENERAL



SENIOR  
SOLDIER





# THE UNIFORM

## THE SCRIPTURE

"Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh." —**ROMANS 13:14**

## THE SIGNIFICANCE

"I should like to wear a suit of clothes that would let everybody know I meant war to the teeth and salvation for the world."

—Elijah Cadman, first Captain of The Salvation Army, credited with instigating the wearing of military-style uniforms.

Uniforms have been worn in many forms since the Army's earliest days. The original Salvation Army uniform was modelled after the British Victorian military but it has evolved many times over its history and been adapted in different cultures.

While many denominations of the Christian Church have a particular form of dress for the clergy, The Salvation Army is unique in that the uniform is worn by both its officers and soldiers. Color and the design of trim distinguish Officers (ordained ministers) from Soldiers (laity), as well as identify rank for Officers.

Salvationists consider it a privilege to wear the uniform, which is an outward expression of an inward change in their lives. It represents their salvation experience and their desire to give testimony to their faith, as well as their willingness to share the love of Jesus Christ through their service to humanity. In essence, the wearing of the uniform is the closest likeness to 'baptism' within The Salvation Army.

The uniform also serves as a public witness to a Salvationist's identity as a soldier of Jesus Christ serving in The Salvation Army. In public settings, the uniform gives an extraordinarily high visibility and visual impact. It indicates membership, provides a widely recognized symbol of availability and service, and is one of the unifying features of The Salvation Army internationally.

# SACRAMENTALISM

» THE LORD'S SUPPER (COMMUNION)  
» BAPTISM

## THE SONG

"My life must be Christ's broken bread, My love his outpoured wine, a cup o'erfilled, a table spread beneath his name and sign, that other souls, refreshed and fed, may share his life through mine." —**ALBERT ORSBORN**

## THE SCRIPTURE

"There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—one Lord, one faith, one baptism; on God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." —**EPHESIANS 4:4-6**

## THE SIGNIFICANCE

### sacrament

*noun* | sac·ra·ment | \ˈsɑːkrə-mənt\  
*noun*: sacrament; plural noun: sacraments

1. a religious ceremony or act of the Christian Church that is regarded as an outward and visible sign of inward and spiritual divine grace, in particular.

Through history, many of these ceremonies have been observed in the Church.

In terms of Protestant tradition, of which The Salvation Army is a part, two sacraments are recognized: Baptism and The Lord's Supper (Communion).

The Salvation Army itself does not practise either of these sacramental rituals. We believe that Salvationist sacramentalism is not dependent on an outward form or ceremony. We believe that no ceremony is essential to salvation, living an obedient life or growing in grace. It is not that we are non-sacramental, but rather ultra-

sacramental, believing that "When our hearts are made holy, all of life is a sacrament." (General Shaw Clifton)

While these sacraments are not practised, they are acknowledged and recognized as worthy faith expressions and are by no means prohibited for soldiers when attending services in other denominations.

The Salvation Army believes that the only distinctive, unique Christian baptism is baptism by the Holy Spirit.

It acknowledges that there are many worthy ways of publicly witnessing to having been baptized

into Christ's body by the Holy Spirit, of which water baptism is one.

Public Testimony and the wearing of the Uniform are two ways Soldiers in The Salvation Army can express this outward sign of inward grace.

The Salvation Army believes that Jesus Christ is the one true sacrament and chooses to celebrate Christ's real presence at all meals and in all gatherings.

Salvationists are encouraged to find creative ways to grace meals both in home and at the corps with remembrance of the Lord's sacrificial love.

# THE SYMBOL

## THE MERCY SEAT AND HOLINESS TABLE

### THE SCRIPTURE

"Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." —**HEBREWS 4:16**

### THE SIGNIFICANCE

The presence of the Mercy Seat symbolizes God's call to his people to meet with him. It is not only a place for repentance and forgiveness, but also a place for communion and commitment. Here we may experience a deep awareness of God's abundant grace and claim his boundless salvation. The mercy seat may be used by anyone, at any time, and particularly in Army meetings when, in response to the proclaimed word, all are invited to share loving and humble communion with the Lord. (*Called to Be God's People*, p. 19)

In many corps, the Holiness Table stands at the center of the Mercy Seat. It is engraved with the words "Holiness Unto the Lord."

"The presence of the holiness table is a constant reminder of the central importance of holiness of heart in the life of our Movement—a reminder that we are and must be a holiness movement. Ours is a gospel of blood and fire!" —General Paul Rader

# DEPLOYMENT CHALLENGE

Take home a copy of the **BATTLE READY SOLDIER'S COVENANT**.

During the week, prayerfully consider the commitments contained in it, and your choice to live out your part in God's story as a **SALVATION SOLDIER**.

Next week, you will be given opportunity to sign and make the commitment shared by **SALVATION SOLDIERS** through history.

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**SALVATIONISM 13 BATTLE READY**

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Please join me next week, \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_,  
as I prayerfully make this commitment and sign my Salvation Army Articles of War:

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# BATTLE READY

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## CHRIST-CENTRED AND OTHERS-FOCUSED

Having accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour and Lord, and desiring to fulfill my membership of His Church on earth as a soldier of The Salvation Army, I now by God's grace enter into a sacred covenant.

I believe and will live by the truths of the word of God expressed in The Salvation Army's eleven articles of faith:

We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God; and that they only constitute the Divine rule of Christian faith and practice.

We believe that there is only one God, who is infinitely perfect, the Creator, Preserver, and Governor of all things, and who is the only proper object of religious worship.

We believe that there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost—undivided in essence and co-equal in power and glory.

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.

We believe that our first parents were created in a state of innocence, but by their disobedience they lost their purity and happiness; and that in consequence of their fall all men have become sinners, totally depraved, and as such are justly exposed to the wrath of God.

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has, by His suffering and death, made an atonement for the whole world so that whosoever will may be saved.

We believe that repentance towards God, faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit are necessary to salvation.

We believe that we are justified by grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ; and that he that believeth hath the witness in himself.

We believe that continuance in a state of salvation depends upon continued obedient faith in Christ.

We believe that it is the privilege of all believers to be wholly sanctified, and that their whole spirit and soul and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe in the immortality of the soul; in the resurrection of the body; in the general judgement at the end of the world; in the eternal happiness of the righteous; and in the endless punishment of the wicked.

WHAT STORY DO I LIVE IN?

I will be responsive to the Holy Spirit's work and obedient to His leading in my life, growing in grace through worship, prayer, service, and the reading of the Bible. I will make the values of the Kingdom of God and not the values of the world the standard for my life.

I will uphold Christian integrity in every area of my life, allowing nothing in thought, word, or deed that is unworthy, unclean, untrue, profane, dishonest, or immoral.

I will maintain Christian ideals in all my relationships with others; my family and neighbours, my colleagues and fellow salvationists, those to whom and for whom I am responsible, and the wider community.

I will uphold the sanctity of marriage and of family life. I will be a faithful steward of my time and gifts, my money and possessions, my body, my mind, and my spirit, knowing that I am accountable to God.

I will abstain from alcoholic drink, tobacco, the nonmedical use of addictive drugs, gambling, pornography, the occult, and all else that could enslave the body or spirit.

I will be faithful to the purposes for which God raised up The Salvation Army, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, endeavouring to win others to Him, and in His name caring for the needy and the disadvantaged.

I will be actively involved, as I am able, in the life, work, worship, and witness of the corps, giving as large a proportion of my income as possible to support its ministries and the worldwide work of the Army.

I will be true to the principles and practices of The Salvation Army, loyal to its leaders, and I will show the spirit of salvationism whether in times of popularity or persecution.

I now call upon all present to witness that I enter into this covenant and sign these articles of war of my own free will, convinced that the love of Christ, who died and now lives to save me, requires from me this devotion of my life to His service for the salvation of the whole world; and therefore do here declare my full determination, by God's help, to be a true soldier of The Salvation Army.

HOW DO I CHOOSE TO LIVE IN THIS STORY?

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# COVENANT