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WHAT DO SOLDIER'S BELIEVE ABOUT.....



...about the Bible?

Soldiers believe that God helped and guided good people to speak and write what is in the Bible, so that from it they can learn the way God wants them to live and the things he wants them to believe.

(Doctrine 1)

'All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realise what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.'

(2 Timothy 3:16-17 NLT)

....about who God is?

Soldiers believe that there is only one God and he is perfect in every way. Soldiers should not worship anyone or anything else. They believe Jesus is both truly God and truly human and that God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit are one God.

(Doctrines 2,3 and 4)

'The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.'

(2 Corinthians 13:14 NCV)

....about sin?

Soldiers believe sin entered the world when Adam and Eve disobeyed God. They believe that because of this we are all inclined to sin.

(Doctrine 5)

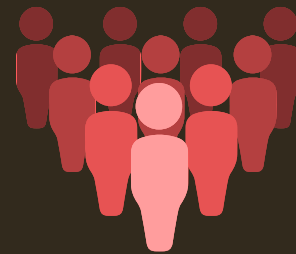
'Everyone has sinned and fallen short of God's glorious standard, and all need to be made right with God by his grace, which is a free gift. They need to be made free from sin through Jesus Christ.'

(Romans 3:23-24 NCV)



(Note that these are simplified versions of The Salvation Army's official doctrines)

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....about Jesus' death?

Soldiers believe that on the cross Jesus suffered and died for the sins of everyone, so that whoever wants to be can be saved.

(Doctrine 6)

'For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its saviour.'

(John 3:16-17 GNT)

...about new life?

Soldiers believe salvation is a free gift from God and is the start of a new life. They believe it is received when they believe in Jesus; and when they are saved they know it and show it.

(Doctrines 7 and 8)

'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!'

(2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV)

...about what it means to be saved?

Soldiers believe that to stay saved they must trust in Jesus to help them, and they must go on doing as he wants them to do. They believe that when they have given themselves to him fully, they can be given power to serve him and be kept from sinning.

(Doctrines 9 and 10)

'So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life – and place it before God as an offering.'

(Romans 12:1 MSG)

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....about the future?

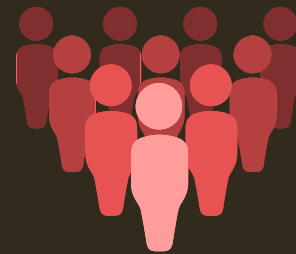
Soldiers believe that when their bodies die they will go on living in a new and different way. They believe that at the end of the world those who have chosen him to be their saviour will be happy to live with him as their King, for ever.

(Doctrine 11)

'Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.... And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Now God's presence is with people, and he will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them and will be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death, sadness, crying, or pain, because all the old ways are gone."

(Revelation 21:1,3-4 NCV)

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

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 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 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 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 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..