



The Salvation Army Mission Bridge Senior Soldier Preparatory Class Curriculum



Mission Bridge

Soldiership Class

*A Complete Study of Doctrines One through Eleven,
the Soldier's Covenant Review and the Sacraments*



Introduction –

The MissionBridge (MB) Senior Soldiership curriculum is an updated version of the Manual of Salvationism, (1985 edition), and contains all eleven Salvation Army doctrines in easy to follow lesson plans. The lessons are for ages fourteen on up, as per the Orders and Regulations for Soldiers of The Salvation Army.

Each of the lessons can be completed during a typical Corps Sunday School class time. At the end of each class, the course instructor signs off on a recruit's completed lesson. This verifies that all the lessons have been completed prior to the recruit being enrolled as a Soldier. The curriculum also has three optional lessons covering the Sacraments, a personal testimony tract exercise and a planned evangelistic walk around the neighborhood.

While it is a part of the Western Social Services MissionBridge Soldier Training (MBST) curriculum, designed to bridge social services and corps, the target population for the MB Soldiership class includes members from the community, families from our social services programs as well as individuals from our addiction recovery units.

Just as our Lord Jesus Christ has called us out of the depths of misery and discouragement, may we lift others out of the miry clay and enable them to stand as soldiers of Christ in the ranks of The Salvation Army.

"He helps us in all our troubles, so that we are able to help others who have all kinds of troubles." 2 Corinthians 1:4.

The Salvation Army Western Social Services Department

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Suggested Class format:

- a. Attendance Sign in*
- b. Prayer Chorus & Opening Prayer*
- c. Doctrine Recitation*
- d. Lesson Review & Questions*
- e. Closing Prayer*
- f. Instructor Sign off on Completed Lessons*

Senior Soldier Class Application Form Corps: _____

Corps Officers: Email: Phone:
Instructor: Email: Phone:
Assistant Instructor: Email: Phone:

Senior Soldier Class Session: ___ Spring ___ Fall From: _____ to _____.
Class Time: Sunday _____ am/pm _____ am/pm Enrollment Sunday Date: _____.
Required Class Texts: The Holy Bible (bring your own Bible), Senior Soldier Class Lessons (supplied)

Print Full Name: _____ Phone No: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Email: _____

Date Accepted Jesus Christ as Savior: _____ Birthday: (Month: _____ Day:_____)

Denomination in which you or your family were raised: _____

Came to the Corps through (check one): Social Services: ___ ARC: ___ Family/Friend: ___ Other: ___

If ARC graduate, give date of graduation: _____ (Note: Applicants must have graduated from program prior to start of soldiership class).

For applicants in recovery: At the start of soldiership class:
I have been Clean and Sober for the minimum six months: Yes ___ No ___
I have been living Tobacco Free for the minimum six months: Yes ___ No ___

Briefly, but thoughtfully explain briefly why you want to become a Soldier in The Salvation Army:

There will be weekly lessons and all recruits will be expected to complete them prior to the Soldiership Enrollment Ceremony. Attendance at all scheduled classes is expected. Please contact the instructor in advance (email or phone) if you will be unable to make a class.

Each recruit will need to confirm personal uniform size with the Corps Officer four weeks prior to the enrollment. Recruit's portion of the cost of The Salvation Army soldier's uniform: \$_____.

I agree to all of the above as a prerequisite for my soldiership enrollment.

Signature Date

Reviewed and recommended approval:

Corps Officer ARC or Social Services Officer (If applicable)

Lesson 1: God's Great Message to Man

Recruit: _____

Required Text: The Holy Bible

Instructor's Initial: _____

Date: _____

"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." Doctrine 1

If someone were to ask you, "Why do we have the Bible?" How would you respond? Can you bake a cake without following a recipe? Can you drive a car without a written test? Can you graduate from high school without reading books? God knew man needed a permanent, reliable record of facts regarding Himself, and His plan for people. This record is known as the _____, or the _____. Why is the first doctrine of The Salvation Army about the Scriptures? Because the Bible is the _____ from which all of the other doctrines are derived.

Scripture means writing, and always refers to the _____. It is often with the word "Holy." Bible means "book." Jesus said in Matthew 21:42 "Have you never read in the Scriptures: The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. . ." What writings was Jesus referring to? _____. Turn to Psalms 118:22. Was this the passage Jesus was referring to? _____.

What was Paul referring to in Romans 1:1-2, when he said "which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures?" _____. A "testament" is a covenant or an agreement. In the Old Testament, God covenants to provide a redeemer, and in the New Testament, the redeemer is shown to be who? _____.

In John 4:25-26, what did Jesus reveal to the Samaritan woman about Himself? _____. Turn to John 2:23-25. Why did Jesus not entrust others at the Passover Feast? _____.

Turn to Job 19:25. Who does Job say shall "stand at last on the earth?" _____.

Turn to Galatians 3:13. Who is our Redeemer? _____.

The Old and New Testaments mean the _____ and _____ covenants which God made with man. The old covenant promised a Redeemer; the new covenant presented Him. The Old Testament was written in _____, the new in _____. Inspiration speaks of God working, both through the writers and through the contents of the Bible, to assure the _____ and _____ of the Scriptures. The Bible tells us what to believe. The Bible tells us how to live and we call this a "divine rule of Christian _____ and _____." Add up the number of Books in the Old Testament and in the New Testament from the diagram below:



The Old Testament has _____ Books

The New Testament has _____ Books

The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments have a total of _____ Books.

And so we believe that the _____ of the Old and New Testaments were given by _____ of God and that they only constitute the divine rule of Christian _____ and _____.

Lesson 2: In the Beginning - God

Recruit: _____ Date: _____

Required Text: The Holy Bible

Instructor's Initial: _____

Video clip: "Laminin"

"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." Doctrine 2.



What would be four reasons for believing that there is a God?

1. **Nature.** Just as we know that a computer and a watch had to have a maker, so the universe must have had a great and wonderful Maker. We call Him _____. Nature can point us towards the existence of God. This is called General Read Psalms 8:1-9. How can one see God in nature?

2. **Intuition.** Our instincts tell us there is a superior Being. Our conscience tells us that there is _____ greater than we. We call Him _____. Read Romans 1:20-23.

3. **The Bible.** From the first verse Genesis 1:1 (read) to the last verse in the Bible, Revelations 22:21 (read), God is revealed. The Bible gives us _____ Revelation, because it reveals that God is _____.

4. **Experience of God's People.** Christianity is an _____ religion. Followers of Christ not only know about Him, but have personally accepted Jesus into their hearts. Just as the testimony of an _____ to an event in a court of law is accepted as evidence, so the personal testimony of a believer is proof of God's _____.

God is infinitely _____. Some of the perfect attributes of God includes:

- ❖ Perfect love and holiness.
- ❖ _____: Forever, infinite, unchanging
- ❖ _____: Present everywhere.
- ❖ _____: Knows all things.
- ❖ _____: All powerful.

God is the Creator, Preserver and Governor of all things. Read Colossians 1:15-17.

Scientists believe there is a hidden force which "holds together" all things. The Bible proclaims it to be God. Read John 1:1-5. (Show video clip: "Laminin" with Louie Giglio)

God is the only proper object of religious worship. Luke 24:52 reads, "And they _____ Him (Christ)." Only _____ is accepting of our worship. In Matthew 4:9 Satan tempted Jesus to "Fall down and worship me." Jesus responded in Matthew 4:10, "_____ the Lord your God and serve only Him."

And so we believe that there is only one God who is infinitely perfect, the _____, _____, and _____ of all things and who is the only proper object of religious _____.

Lesson 3: The Trinity – The Divine Partnership

Recruit: _____

Required Text: The Holy Bible

Instructor's Initial: _____ Date: _____

"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." Doctrine 5



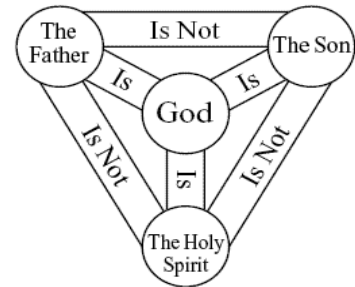
Create in Me a Clean Heart (Psalm 51:10-12) (Guitar Capo II)

1. (C) Create in (G) me a (F) clean heart, (C) O God, and renew a right (G) spirit within (C) me. (rpt 1).
2. (F) Cast me not (G) away from thy (C) presence, O Lord, (C7) and (F) take not thy (G) Holy Spirit from (C) me. (F) Restore unto (G) me the (C) joy of thy (Am) salvation, (F) and renew a (G) right spirit within (C) me. (rpt 2).

What do these three verses below have in common? They speak to the _____:

- a. 2 Corinthians 13:14 - "Now may the _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ, the _____ of God and the _____ of the Holy Spirit be with you all."
- b. 1 John 5:7 - "There are _____ that bear witness in Heaven, the _____, the _____ and the Holy _____. These three are one."
- c. Matthew 28:19 - "...In the name of the _____ and of the _____ and of the Holy _____."

The Godhead is made of three distinct persons: God the Father. God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. This means that the Godhead is undivided in _____. This is their one common nature of being GOD. The Godhead is co-equal in _____ and _____: None is less important or subordinate to another.



What are illustrations of the Trinity?

- **Egg:** yolk, white, shell. Separate but whole. Why is it an imperfect illustration? The yolk cannot be the white at the same _____. The shell cannot be the yolk at the same _____.
- **Water:** liquid, ice and steam. Separate but still H2O. Why is it an imperfect illustration? Water cannot exist as liquid, ice and steam at the _____ time.
- **Man:** Body, mind and spirit, yet one person. It is an imperfect illustration because the Trinity has three _____, not one

The Holy Spirit is the third person in the _____ and:

- Inspired the writers of the _____ Testament: (2 Peter 1:21).
- Will _____ you all things. (John 14:26).
- _____ the world of sin. (John 16:8)
- Brings about new spiritual birth. John 3:5-8)
- Assures us of our _____. (Romans 8:16).
- Can be sadden or _____ by our actions. (Eph.4: 25-32)
- Can be _____ from us. (Psalm 51:11).

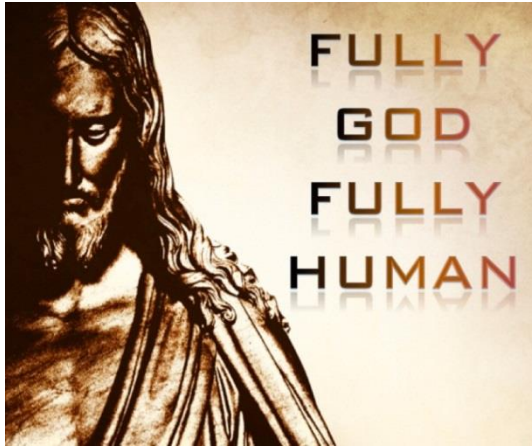
And so we believe that there are three persons in the Godhead, the _____, the _____ and the _____, undivided in _____ and co-equal in power and glory.

Lesson 4: Jesus Our Lord

Required Text: The Holy Bible

Recruit: _____

Instructor's Initial: _____ Date: _____



"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 4

What is the Incarnation? The incarnation is the _____ of God with man, the clothing of the divine person with human nature. Dictionary defines it as "the _____ of divinity with humanity in Christ."

C.S. Lewis wrote, "Man must be a _____ being – a natural organism in a state of symbiosis with, a supernatural spirit." (*Miracles*, 204)

Why was it necessary for Jesus Christ to be both God and man?

To be our _____, our _____. As God He atoned for our sins and procured our _____. As man He suffered on man's behalf, and fully understands our temptations and sorrows. 1 Peter 5:7 says, "Casting all your cares on Him because He careth for you."

What Scriptures show us that Jesus is truly and properly man?

- 1 Timothy 2:5: "There is one God and one _____ between God and men, the _____ Christ Jesus"
- Hebrews 4:15-16: "We do not have a High _____ who cannot sympathize with our weakness, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of _____, that we may obtain _____ and find grace to help in time of need."
- Hebrews 2:18: "Because he himself _____ when He was _____, He is able to help those who are being tempted."

What Scriptures show us that Jesus is truly and properly God?

- John 1:1 "In the beginning was the _____, and the Word was with God, and the Word was _____."
- 2 Peter 1:1 "Our _____ and _____ Jesus Christ."
- Titus 2:13 "Our great _____ and _____, Jesus Christ."
- Christ was worshiped: Luke 24:52 "Then they _____ Him" (Only God is to be worshiped).

What Attributes of God does Christ possess?

- Jesus is Eternal. John 1:1 "In the beginning was the _____, and the _____ was with _____ and the _____ was _____."
- Jesus is Omnipotent: Matt. 28:18. Jesus said "All _____ in heaven and on earth has been given to _____."
- Jesus is Omnipresent: "Matt. 18:20 For where two or three come _____ in My _____, I am _____ with them."
- Jesus is Omniscient: Colossians 2:2-3. "Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of _____ and _____."
- Jesus *forgives* our sins: Mark 2:5, Jesus said to the paralytic, "Your sins are _____ you."
Mark 2:10. Jesus said, "The Son of Man has authority on earth to _____ sins."

And so we believe that in the person of Jesus Christ, the _____ and _____ natures are united so that he is truly and properly _____ and truly and properly _____.

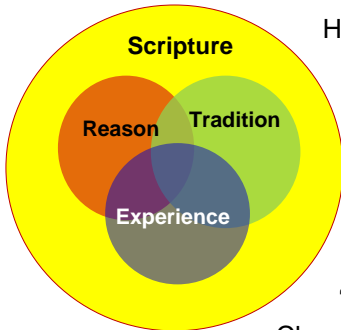
Lesson 5: Man's Sin – God's Remedy

Recruit: _____

Required Text: The Holy Bible
(PowerPoint song by Iris Dement)

Instructor's Initial: _____ Date: _____

"We believe that our first parents were created in a state of innocency, 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." Doctrine 5



Here is a circular visualization (by Laurie Haller) of the Wesleyan Q _____, a theological construct by John Wesley in the late 18th Century. It is comprised of four elements: _____, Reason, _____ and Experience, with Scripture being the overarching element. "S _____ S _____" was one of the rallying points of the Protestant Reformation which was started by _____ in 1617 in _____.

"Scripture Only," refuted the view of the Catholic Church of _____ having precedence. Whenever _____ is _____ the primary authority in a church or a person's life, there is a falling away from God's commandments. _____, had precedence over Scripture, and consequently there were abuses in the Catholic Church. One was the sale of _____, where in exchange for a monetary contribution, the donor would be granted an "indulgence" or a pass, that after death would free a soul from _____.



Sin, or disobedience to God, can be of two general categories, the sin of _____ and sin of _____. The sin of omission is intentionally ignoring an obvious need instead of responding to it. James 4:17 reads "Therefore, to him who knows to do _____ and does not do it, to him it is sin. The Parable of the Good _____ in Luke 10:30-37 is a vivid example of the sin of omission (show Iris Dement ppt.). How have you responded to the needs of your family, your corps, your community?"

The sin of commission is disobedience to a clear command from God. Read the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20: 1-17. These are Scriptural warnings not to engage in acts we are not supposed to do. Our first parents were created in a state of _____. (Genesis 1:26-27). But by their disobedience, they lost their _____ and happiness. Read: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1--7. Satan created _____, encouraged _____, and stirred up _____ for what was forbidden.

Sin entered the human race when Adam and Eve yielded to the devil's temptation and disobeyed God's command. This is called _____. Because of their disobedience, the entire human race became sinners. Romans 5:12 reads, "Just as through one man _____ entered the world, _____ spread through all men, because all sinned." Christians sin because we are all born of a _____ race and we have a tendency to sin. What is this called? _____. What is the consequence of sin? Romans 6:23 reads, "The wages (or sting) of sin is _____, but the gift of God is eternal _____ through Jesus Christ our Lord."

And so we believe that our first _____ were created in a state of _____, but by their disobedience, they lost their _____ and _____, and that in consequence of their fall, all men have become sinners, totally _____, and as such are justly exposed to the _____ of God.

Lesson 6: What Has God Done About it All?

Recruit: _____

Required Text: The Holy Bible

Instructor's Initial: _____ Date: _____

"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." Doctrine & Covenants 14:6



Lamb of God

Twila Paris

(Capo IV)

G Bm C G C D
1. Your only Son, no sin to hide. But you have sent Him from your side.

Em G C D G
To walk upon, this guilty sod. And to become, the Lamb of God.

Em Bm C D
Chorus: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God I love the holy Lamb of God.

Em G C D G
O wash me in, His precious blood. Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Bm C G C D
2. Your gift of love. They crucified. They laughed and scorned Him as He died.

Em G C D G
The humble King, they named a fraud. And sacrificed the Lamb of God. (Chorus)

What was the Purpose of the Cross? To be the instrument that God used to sacrifice His only Son, through

which the whole world might be saved. Romans 3:23 reads, "All have _____ and come short of the _____ of God." Since all men have become sinners and are justly exposed to the wrath of God, what has God done about this situation?

What is the Atonement? The atonement is the redeeming effect of Christ's crucifixion on the cross. His death atones for the sin of all mankind, for the whole world, God excludes none. 1 John 2:2 states, "He is the _____ sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for the sins of the whole world." We encounter God one on one. We come to God's door of mercy, one by one. We worship God as a congregation but we are saved through Christ only as _____.

What is the Threefold Purpose of the Atonement?

1. To Show God's Love.

"For God so _____ the world, He gave. . ." (John 3:16).

"But God _____ his love for us." (Romans 5:8)

"To Him who loved us and _____ us from our sins." (Rev. 1:5)

2. To Forgive us of Our Sins.

Why was Christ's blood shed? For the _____ of sins (Matt. 26:28). Hebrews 9:22 "Without the shedding of blood there is no _____." Read John 8:1-12 God's forgiveness (woman in adultery)

3. To Be an Act of Substitution. On the cross, Christ took the penalty of our sins. He was our substitute and His death became the atoning _____. In the Old Testament, the Hebrews sacrificed a lamb for the sins of the people. "Where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" (Genesis 22:7)

And so we believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has, by his _____ and _____ made an _____ for the whole world so that whosoever will may be _____.

Lesson 7: What Can We Do About Sin?

Recruit: _____

Required Text: The Holy Bible

Instructor's Initial: _____ Date: _____

(Video Clip: General Booth "Misery" Speech)

"We believe that repentance towards God, faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit are necessary to salvation." Doctrine 7



Can God forgive our sins if we do not want to be forgiven? God did His part of Calvary, but there is something we must do.

What is our part? Man's part is to _____ to be _____.

You cannot be saved against your will.

Three Conditions Are Necessary to Salvation:

1. Repentance towards God. Repentance is a change of mind, a change of purpose, a change of action which originates from a conviction of sin. One recognizes he is guilty and deserving of punishment. The brothers of Joseph in Genesis 42:21 cried out in distress over their cruel treatment of him, "We are truly concerning our brother. . ." Is it true that not everybody have sinned? _____ Romans 3:23 reads, "For _____ have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

God requires repentance for salvation for there are no _____ persons in heaven. Turn to Luke 15:7, "There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who _____ than over ninety-nine just persons who need no _____." Read Mark 2:17, Jesus said, "I did not come to call the righteous but sinners, to _____."

_____ persons in heaven. Turn to Luke 15:7, "There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who _____ than over ninety-nine just persons who need no _____." Read Mark 2:17, Jesus said, "I did not come to call the righteous but sinners, to _____."

2. Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ: What must you do to be saved? Turn to John 3:36, "He who _____ in the _____ has everlasting life; and he who does not _____ the _____ shall not see life." God requires belief in Christ for salvation, for there are no _____ in heaven. Jesus said in John 5:24, "Whoever hears my words and _____ has crossed over from death to life. Turn to John 1:12, "But as many as received Him, to them gave He the right to become _____ of God, to those who _____ in His name." Acts 16:31 says, " _____ in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be _____." The Greek word for "believe" means to entrust. When you believe in Christ as your Lord and Savior, you _____ or _____ your life over to Him.

Third: Regeneration by the Holy Spirit: What does regeneration mean? Regeneration is God's part of our being _____. Titus 3:5 states that "He saved us through the washing of _____ and renewing of the _____." Regeneration means a new start, a spiritual rebirth. John 3:3 reads, "Unless one is _____, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Jesus said to Nicodemus in John 3:6, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. God requires regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation, for there are no _____ persons in heaven.

And so we believe that _____ towards God, _____ in our Lord Jesus Christ, and _____ by the Holy Spirit are necessary to _____. (Show video clip)

Lesson 8: Saved - and Certain

Required Text: The Holy Bible

Recruit: _____

Instructor's Initial: _____ Date: _____

"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." Doctrine 8



Chorus: Create in Me a Clean Heart (Psalm 51:10-12)

(C) Create in (G) me a (F) clean heart, (C) O God, and renew a right (G) spirit within (C) me. (rpt).

(F) Cast me not (C) away from thy (G) presence, O Lord, and (F) take not thy (G) Holy Spirit from (C) me. (F) Restore unto (G) me the (C) joy of thy (Am) salvation, (F) and renew a (G) right spirit within (C) me.

Where in the Scriptures does it say we have a witness in us? _____ "He who believes in the Son of God has the _____ in himself."

Four of the great principles of the Protestant Reformation which began in 1517 were *sola fide*, _____, *sola scriptura*, _____, *solus Christus*, _____, and *sola gratia*, _____. This lesson is on justification through grace alone, or *sola gratia*.

"Just as if I had not sinned," is an easy phrase for remembering the definition of _____. We are justified, or declared "not guilty" by the grace of God and not by our _____. What is the grace of God? The undeserved favor of God, or a _____ from God. It is God's mercy outpoured. Romans 5:8 reads, "God demonstrates his love for us, that while we were yet sinners, _____ died for us." Ephesians 2:8-9 reads, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, it is the _____ of God and not of _____."

"We believe that we are justified by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ." What does this mean? We are _____ by grace through faith in Jesus. We cannot buy our forgiveness. We cannot buy our way into heaven by our works. Our penalty is paid and our sins forgiven only because of the _____ of God.

If you hurt the feelings of someone who loves you very much, what should you do? Ask for forgiveness. God wants to forgive us. To say that we are "justified" means what? It means we are forgiven. Forgiveness is also called _____ or _____ and is one of the great blessings of salvation.

Are all sins against God? _____. When you sin against God, you cannot go to your corps officer for forgiveness, you cannot go to the pope for forgiveness, or your best friend, you go to God. He is the only one who can forgive you, and who can take away your guilt.

Read Psalm 51:2-4, "Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my _____ and my sin is always before me. Against you have I sinned and done this evil in your sight."

The Greek word for "forgiveness" carries the thought of release and deliverance. When God forgives you, he does not leave you in your sin and guilt, he _____ you and _____ you from your sin and guilt. Turn to Psalms 103:12, "As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our _____ from us."

And so we believe that we are _____ by _____ through _____ in our Lord Jesus Christ and he that believeth hath the witness in himself.

Lesson 9: Be Thou Faithful

Required Text: The Holy Bible
(Video clip: Thomas Cranmer)

Recruit: _____

Instructor's Initial: _____ Date: _____

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

Doctrine ?



Chorus: At The Cross (En la Cruz) (IIC)
(C) At the cross, at the cross, Where I (F)
first saw the light, And the (Dm) burdens of
my heart rolled (C) away. It was (F) there
by faith I (C) received my (Am) sight. And
(F) now I am (G) happy all the (C) day.

(C) En la Cruz, en la Cruz yo (F) primero vi
la luz y las (Dm) manchas de mi alma yo
lavé (C) fue (F) allí por fe yo (C) vi a (Am)
Jesús y (F) siempre (G) feliz con El (C)
seré

Is it possible for those who have been truly
converted to fall away and eternally lost?

_____ 1 Corinthians 10:12 reads,

"Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he _____." What does this mean to you?

Why do Christians sin? 1 Corinthians 10:13 reads, "There hath no _____ taken you but such
as is common to man. But God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able;
but will with the _____ make a way to escape, that you may be able to bear it."

Turn to 1 Corinthians 1:18 "For the preaching of the cross is _____ for those far from the
Lord, but for those who are being _____, it is the power of God." Salvation is an
ongoing process of being saved, and not just a momentary experience in our journey with Christ.

There are promises in the Scripture for those who remain faithful: Revelation 2:10 says, "Be
even to the point of death, and I will give you the _____ of life."

What happens to those who prove unfaithful? Ezekiel 18:26 reads, "If a righteous man turns from his
righteousness and commits sin, he will _____ for it." Hebrews 10:26, 27: If we deliberately keep on
sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth no _____ for sins is left."

During the early church there arose a controversy in 411 AD at the Conference in Carthage over the
_____ and _____, or the believers and the unbelievers from Matthew 13:24-30. The _____
mainline church point of view led by Augustine, interpreted the field as the church, where both the tares
and wheat grow, on Judgment Day however, Christ will separate the wheat from the tares. The
_____ church, led by the Donatists, believed the field to be the world where both wheat and
tares grow. However in the Church itself, there should only wheat, or believers, not tares or unbelievers.

Where do you think The Salvation Army is on this discussion?

God requires continued obedient faith in Christ and you will not find any _____ person in heaven.
1 Corinthians 6:9 says, "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not _____ the kingdom of God?
Scripture gives us a list of those who will not be in heaven in 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 (read). Some of us
were in this category, but we were washed in the name of our Lord Jesus and by the Holy Spirit.
(read 1 Corinthians 6:11).

And so we believe that continuance in a state of _____ depends upon continued obedient
_____ in Christ.

(Show video clip on Thomas Cranmer)

Lesson 10: Looking to Jesus

Required Text: The Holy Bible

Recruit: _____

Instructor's Initial: _____ Date: _____

"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." Doctrine 10



What is holiness? It is to be like Christ, to be _____. Who are the believers? Believers are those who are saved, born again, sins forgiven and are the _____ of God. Turn to John 1:12, "But as many as received Him, to them gave He the right to become _____ of _____." Is it mandatory for a believer to be "wholly sanctified?" _____, it is a _____ for a believer.

What does it mean to be wholly sanctified? It is to be entirely _____ and _____ from all sin, completely _____ to God's will and purpose for our lives.

So then, why do Christians still sin after conversion? There remains in the heart of the believer an inherited _____ to evil, a _____ to sin. Romans 7:20 states, "If I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I

who does it, but _____ that _____ in me"

How can a Christian be free of his or her own sinful nature? Turn to Romans 8:2. "The law of the _____ of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of _____ and death."

Holiness is not "sinless perfection." It is not perfection of performance or character, but it means perfection of love, of devotion, of surrender. Matthew 22:37 supports this, "Love the Lord your God with all your _____, with all your _____, and with all your _____."

Scripture states that God's children can be wholly sanctified. Thessalonians 5:23 reads, "Now may the God of peace Himself _____ you _____."

The gift of sanctification is conditional, as is every other gift of God's grace. It depends on the wholehearted cooperation of the child of God and there are four necessary conditions:

1. C _____ of the need of being sanctified.
2. R _____ of all that is sinful.
3. C _____ of everything to the will of God.
4. F _____ that God can and will sanctify wholly.

Scripture supports the fact that God's children can be kept blameless. 1 Corinthians 1:8 states "That you may be _____ in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thessalonians 5:23 reads, "...may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved _____ until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

And so we believe that it is the privilege of all believers to be wholly _____ and that their whole spirit and soul and body may be preserved _____ unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lesson 11: God's Future Plans

Recruit: _____

Required Text: The Holy Bible

Instructor's Initial: _____ Date: _____

"We believe in the immortality of the soul; in the resurrection of the body; in the general judgment at the end of the world; in the eternal happiness of the righteous; and in the endless punishment of the wicked." Doctrine 11



Chorus (#222): We'll Sing in the Morning

C Em F Dm7
We'll sing in the morning, the songs of salvation.
C G C G
We'll sing in the noontide, the songs of His love.
C Em F Dm7
And when we arrive the end of our journey,
C C/B Am Am/G F G C
We'll sing the songs of Zion in the courts above!

Doctrine 11 speaks to the general judgment end of the world, when Jesus Christ will return. Mark 13:32 says, "But of that day and hour no one _____, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the _____."

Matthew 24:44 says, "Therefore you also be _____, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not _____."

The second coming of Christ will be:

- 1. Personal:** Matthew 24:31, "He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will _____, together His elect from the four _____ from one end of heaven to the other."
- 2. Visible:** Revelations 1:7, "Behold, He is coming with _____ and every eye will see Him."
- 3. Glorious:** Titus 2:13, "Looking from the blessed hope and _____ appearing of our great _____ and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Scripture points to a final judgement:

- ❖ **After death.** Hebrews 9:27 says, "For it is _____ for men once to die, and after this the _____." Revelations 20:15 says that, "Anyone not _____ in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."
- ❖ **At the end of the world.** Revelations 20:12 says, "And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the _____ of _____. And the dead were _____ according to their _____, by the things which were written in the book."
- ❖ **Starting first with the family of God.** Read 1 Peter 4:18, "For the time has come for _____ to begin at the house of God, and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not _____ the gospel?"

And so we believe in the _____ of the soul, in the _____ of the body, in the general _____ at the end of the world, in the eternal _____ of the righteous and in the endless _____ of the wicked.

Lesson 12: The Soldier's Covenant

Recruit: _____

Required Text: The Holy Bible

Instructor's Initial: _____

Date: _____

Video Clip: "Others" Read and discuss in class the section which follows "Therefore"

- a. How are you responsive to the Holy Spirit's leading in your life?
- b. How do you make the values of the Kingdom of God your own personal standards?
- c. What would be your strategy to uphold Christian ideals and integrity?
- d. If you are in recovery, share your plan to live a life of abstinence.
- e. Why is the principle of tithing an important part of being a Senior Soldier?

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The Soldier's Covenant

Having accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour and Lord, and desiring to fulfil 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.

Therefore,

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.

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 judgment at the end of the world; in the eternal happiness of the righteous; and in the endless punishment of the wicked.

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 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 world-wide 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 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.

Signed _____ Date _____

Signature of Corps Officer _____ Corps _____

Witness or Officiating Officer _____

Lesson 13: The Sacraments

Required Text: The Holy Bible

Recruit: _____

Instructor's Initial: _____ Date: _____



What is a Sacrament? It is a religious ceremony or _____. The Salvation Army does not observe the sacraments as it believes they are not necessary to _____ or essential to spiritual growth. Jesus shared to the woman at the well in John 4:23-24 that "True worshipers will worship the father in spirit and truth...God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." In this lesson, two sacraments will be briefly discussed, holy communion and baptism.

1. The Sacrament of Holy Communion (Eucharist)

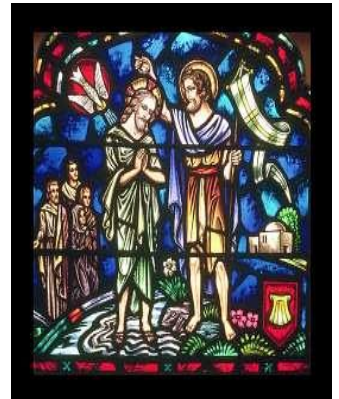
This is the _____ reception of Christ's body and blood through the partaking of bread and wine during a worship ceremony. This belief in which the body and blood of Christ are present "in, with and under the bread and wine," is called _____. The Salvation

Army believes in the spiritual presence of Christ in our hearts and so does not observe the Holy Communion or the _____.

2. The Sacrament of Baptism. This is the ceremony in which _____ is used as a symbol of the washing and regeneration of the Holy Spirit without which "no one can see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). Scripture references only one baptism in Ephesians 4, which states "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling: one Lord, one faith, one _____; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (Ephesians 4:4-6).

True baptism is not with water but that of the _____. 1 Corinthians 12:13 states, "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free – and have all been made to drink into one _____."

The Greek word for baptism is *baptizo* means to "plunge" or fully "immerse." An example of this is to completely immerse a piece of garment into a container of dye in order to change the color of the material.



Matthew 28:19, often known as the "Great Commission" reads, "Go into all the world and make disciples and baptizing them in (or into) the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). With the emphasis of this verse on the _____, baptism can be defined as _____ the disciple into faith in the three Persons of God, in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Is baptism by water required or essential for salvation? _____. In Matthew 3:11, John the Baptist said, "I baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me...will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire". Jesus Himself did not baptize with water (John 4:2). Paul wrote, "Christ did not send me to baptize, but to _____ the _____. . ." (1 Corinthians 1:17).



The Salvation Army substitutes physical water with a physical _____ as an outward form of an inner deliverance from _____. The uniform signifies that the individual has accepted Christ as Savior and has become a _____ of The Salvation Army.

However unlike water baptism, the soldier's uniform can be worn in public as a _____ and _____ of Jesus Christ in a soldier's life.

adapted from The Salvation Army Manual of Salvationism (1985)

Lesson 14 (optional): The Soldier's Personal Testimony Tract

Recruit: Key_____.

Required Text: The Holy Bible

Video Clip: Testimonies from prior soldiership class recruits

Personal Testimony: Complete the three parts of your brief testimony in 200 words or less. Your testimony will then be edited and formatted into an evangelistic tract.

1. **Pre-Christ:** Child or Adulthood. Your lifestyle before you accepted Christ as your Savior. (1/3 of your testimony) Before I accepted Christ I . . .

2. **Conversion:** Circumstances surrounding your conversion. (1/3 of your testimony) I accepted Jesus Christ in my life when I . . .

3. **Post-Conversion:** Changes in your lifestyle after conversion. (1/3 of your testimony) Since I have accepted Christ in my heart I . . .

Sample 200 Word Testimony:

1. Pre-Christ: I was raised in a Catholic home by loving parents. We went to church on Sundays and holidays. I was often sick from school and fell behind in my work. From that point on in my life I felt like I never fit in with the other kids. I struggled with alcohol and drug addiction, loneliness, sadness, and an empty feeling inside. I had turned away from God.

2. Conversion Experience: I found myself in jail again with no hope. I had lost everything my house my cars and even my family. My life was a total disaster. I had been in jail for two days when I got down on my knees and cried out to the Lord. I said, "God I don't know you but I want to if you save me I will be your servant for the rest of my life".

3. Post-Conversion: Since I accepted Christ in my heart my thoughts have changed and the feelings of loneliness and emptiness have disappeared. I stopped using drugs and alcohol. I read my Bible daily and I am led to help others who suffer from the same affliction that I did. My life has been renewed and I owe it all to God's grace for me.

Sample Soldier's Personal Tract:
(4 fold format)

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden." - Matthew 5:14

Before I accepted Christ my life was difficult. I felt empty, like if no one would care about me or just was not worth anything.

Times were rough and I had no one who I think would know how I felt and could solve all my problems. I accepted Christ at The Salvation Army Long Beach Corps, and gave my life to God. Now that Jesus is my Savior, I now feel like I have someone to help me resolve all my problems.

It was a big change since that day forward and now I just feel happier to know Jesus has touched my heart and knowing He is truly in me. How about you, would you like to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?



*Miguel Carrillo
Long Beach Citadel Corps
Senior Soldier*

I once was lost...

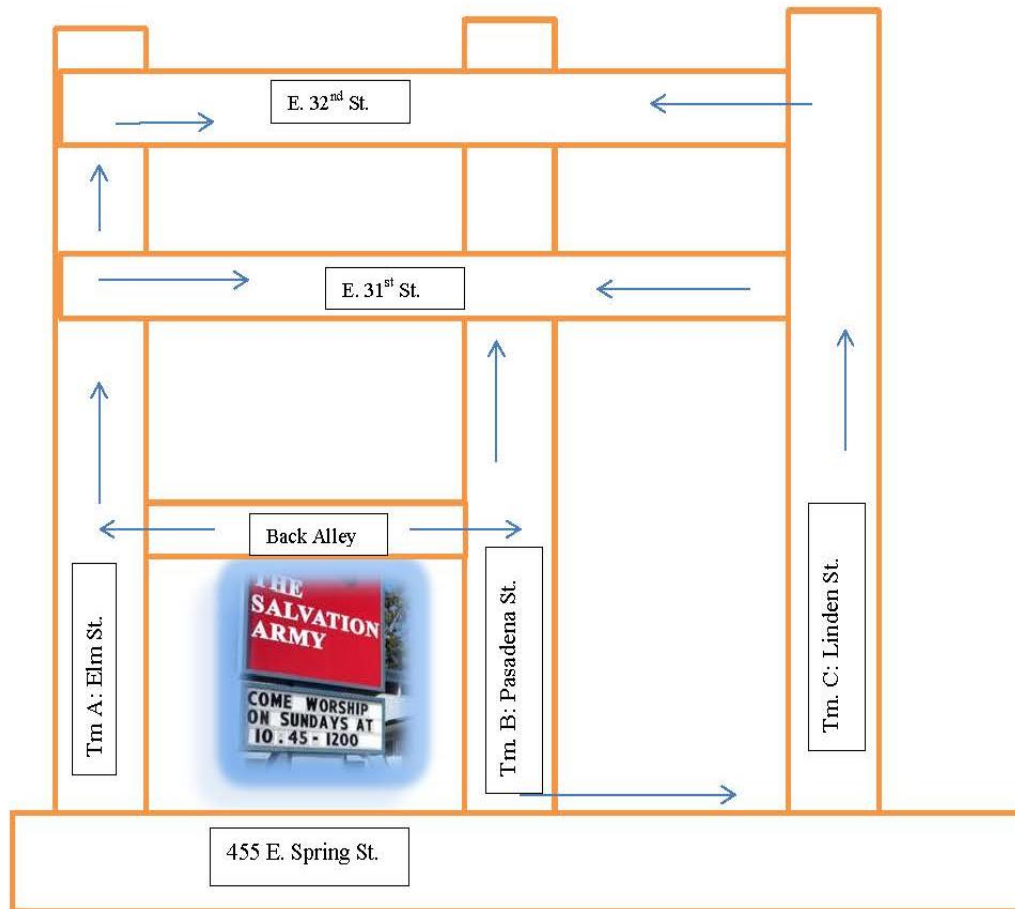
...Now I am found

Lesson 15 (optional): Walk Around the Neighborhood

Recruit: Key.
Required Text: The Holy Bible

After the recruits have completed their testimony tracts in Lesson 14, the next step is to plan a walk around the neighborhood, giving out copies of their tracts and inviting others to the corps.

Bill Hybels said that, “Jesus once crossed an entire universe to rescue you. . . Take a walk! See what he might do.” (*Just Walk Across the Room*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan. 2006. pages 30, 33)



Form teams of 2 persons each to canvas residential areas around the Long Beach Corps. Meet in classroom for prayer and tract preparations on Sunday before departing at 9:30am. Return by 10:30am. Record encounters with persons and be prepared to share these on the following Sunday.

MissionBridge Soldiership 200 Audio & Video Resource List

Lesson 2: Video: *Laminim*

Lesson 3: Audio: *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Lesson 5: PowerPoint Song: *He Reached Down* (Iris Dement)

Lesson 6: Audio: *Lamb of God* (Twila Paris)

Lesson 7: Video: General William Booth *Misery Speech*

Lesson 8: Audio: *Change My Heart Oh God* (Eddie Espinosa)

Lesson 9: Audio: *At The Cross*

Lesson 11: Audio: *We'll Sing in the Morning*

Lesson 12: Video: *Others*