

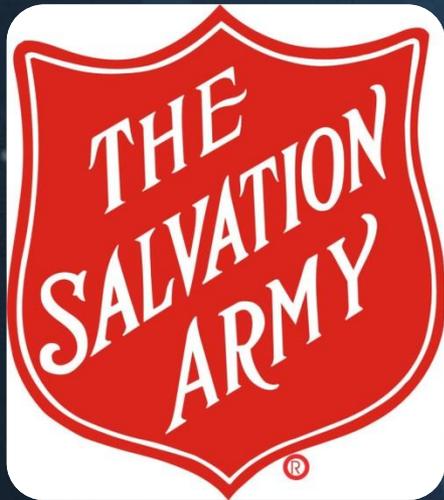
The Salvation Army



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“A world-wide Christian religious body with semi military structure. It provides food, shelter, and clothing to the needy, and administers to the spirit by bringing religion to many whom churches never reach.”

(The World Book Encyclopedia)



History

Founded by William Booth, a Methodist minister.

- *Conducted meetings to bring the Gospel to the poor people of London's East End slums in 1865.*
- *Known as the General*
- *"Hallelujah Army"*
- *Became "The Salvation Army" in 1878*



History

Came to United States by the work Of Lieutenant
Eliza Shirley

- *Philadelphia 1879*
- *1880 Official beginning US*

**“The Salvation Army is an evangelical
part of the universal Christian Church”**

*Few people recognize it as a CHURCH;
it is a CHURCH!*



History

The Salvation Army... it's a Christian church and charity that works all over the world.

Our beliefs are based on what it says in the Bible, and we put them into action by loving and helping people in need. This is why I help my Mum run a lunch for older people who are on their own on a Saturday afternoon.



Doctrines

- 1. Scriptures inspired of God**
- 2. Only one God**
- 3. Three persons in the Godhead**
- 4. Jesus is Divine and Human**
- 5. Total depravity; sin by Adam**
- 6. Jesus made atonement**
- 7. Repentance, Faith, & Regeneration by Holy Spirit necessary**
- 8. Justified by grace through Faith**



Doctrines

9. Continuance in a state of salvation depends upon continued obedient faith in Christ
10. Privilege of all believers to be wholly sanctified ... preserved blameless unto coming of Jesus Christ
11. Immortality of soul, resurrection of body, judgment, eternal happiness, endless punishment.



Organization

- Year 2015 = 126 countries
- Number of corps = 13,826
- Number of officers = 26,675
- Number of employees = 108,786
- Soldiers = 1,056,722
- Adherent members = 156,842
- Junior soldiers = 378,811
- Senior band musicians = 48,135
- Songsters = 133,480



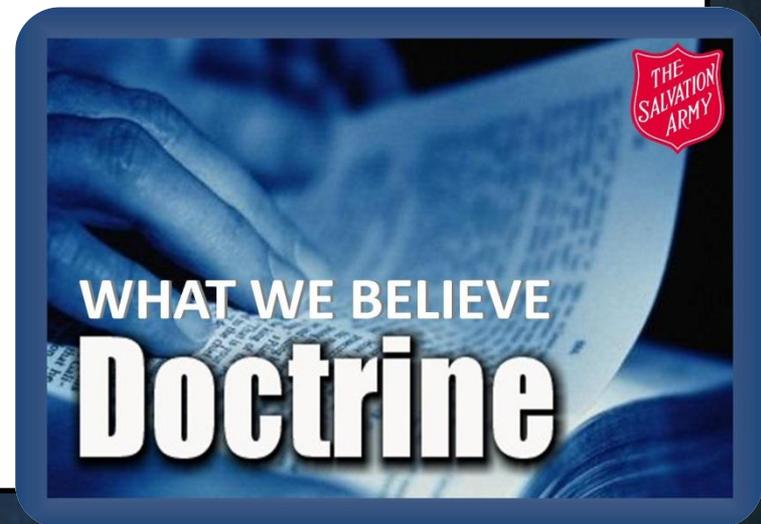
Organization

- **Community development; Homeless hostels; Residential addiction dependency programs; Children's homes; Elderly homes; Mother and baby homes; Refuges; Community day care centers; Non-residential addiction rehabilitation centers; services to armed forces; Disaster rehabilitation; General hospitals; Maternity hospitals; Specialist hospitals.**



Beliefs

- **Abortion – opposes but accepts**
- **Homosexuality – denies but accepts**
- **Salvation through “special illumination of the Holy Spirit”**
- **Lord’s Supper not provided**
- **Baptism not practiced**
- **Women preachers**



The Salvation Army And The NT Church

- The New Testament church began at Pentecost; not 1865

Acts 2:47 (1255)

- A man-made organization seeking to usurp the organization of the New Testament church

Matthew 16:18 (1131)

Ephesians 4:11,12 (1345)



The Salvation Army And The NT Church

- A church that fails to teach the **Biblical pattern of salvation**

Matthew 28:18-20 (1150)

Mark 16:15,16 (1176)

- A church that fails to teach the **whole counsel of God**

Acts 20:27 (1281)



The Salvation Army And The NT Church

“Although the objective of the program may be commendable, it creates a problem for some in that, if they participate, they will be contributing to a RELIGIOUS BODY they do not endorse and with which they cannot have fellowship.”

“Make no mistake about it – the Salvation Army is not a civic organization, but a religion.”

(Hugh Davis)

The Salvation Army And The NT Church

“Contributions made in response to this appeal could as well be made to the Catholic Church, the Mormon Church, the Unitarian Church, Jehovah’s Witnesses or any other denominational church.”

(Hugh Davis)

2 Corinthians 6:14-17

(1330)



**IF ANY MAN SPEAK, LET
HIM SPEAK AS THE
ORACLES OF GOD**

1 PETER 4:11