

Declaration of Faith

In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, and in the presence of the officers, soldiers, adherents and friends of The Salvation Army here assembled, we declare that:

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 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.

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.

The Territorial Commander:
Do you promise faithfully to maintain and proclaim these truths?

The Cadets:
We do!

The Territorial Commander:
Do you regard it as your duty to bear this witness everywhere, to strive to lead all persons to their only Saviour, and for his sake to care for the poor, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, love the unlovable, and befriend those who have no friends?

The Cadets:
We do!

The Territorial Commander:
Do you promise by holy living, boundless charity and adherence to the principles and discipline of the Army to show yourselves at all times to be faithful officers of The Salvation Army?

The Cadets:
We do!

The Territorial Commander:
In the name of God, I accept the declarations and promises you have made this day. We will now proceed with your commissioning and ordination.

Commissioning Ceremony

The Territorial Commander:
With gratitude to God for your calling into the paths of sacred service and for his empowering and gifting in your life by which you are ordained as a minister of the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, I now commission you as an officer of The Salvation Army with the rank of lieutenant.