### <u>Introductory Lesson</u>

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Note: There are different versions (translations) of the Bible, such as the King James Version (KJV), the New International Version (NIV), and the New American Standard Bible (NASB). You may choose one of these versions or any other of your choice.

#### 1. Who came to talk with Jesus?

2.According to John 3:3, what did Jesus say had to happen before someone could see the Kingdom of God?

3. Write out complete (quote) John 3:16-17:

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4. Why did God send His Son, Jesus, to the world?

5. Who can be saved?

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# Mission Statement

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the LOVE of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

There are at least two good reasons why Salvationists are concerned with prisoners and their families. One, it is the expectation of our Lord Jesus Christ; and two, it was the vision of our founder, William Booth. Booth had a deep sympathy and compassion for people paying the penalty for law violations. In his book, *In Darkest England and the Way Out*, he proposed methods whereby prisoners might be helped and brought to the knowledge of God s Salvation. Near the end of his own ministry, Booth continued this emphasis on helping the most desperate:

While women weep as they do now, I'll fight;

While little children go hungry as they do, I'll fight,

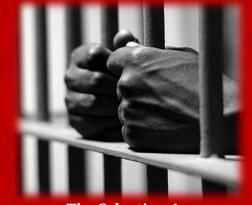
While men go to prison, in and out, in and out, as they do now, I'll fight...

I'LL FIGHT TO THE VERY END!



The Salvation Army Bible Correspondence Courses





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Bible Correspondence Courses The Salvation Army's Bible Correspondence Courses are guided learning tools that provide each student with biblical knowledge that forms the foundation for increased insight to one's purpose and meaning in life.

The goal is to motivate participants to...

1. Read the Bible Regularly

- 2. Apply the biblical messages to their daily living
- 3. Seek a deeper personal relationship with the Lord Jesus

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(upon the completion of the Basic courses)

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- The Priesthood Old and New
- The Greatest Plan
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Upon completion of each 12-lesson course, with an average grade of 65% or higher, a certificate is awarded. Once the entire basic course series is completed, the student merits a final certificate. If a student receives a score below 65%, in any of the lessons, an opportunity is given to redo that lesson(s)

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Thank you for choosing The Salvation Army Bible Correspondence Program to further you studies and understanding of the Bible. Through the first 6 courses you will deepen your knowledge while learning more about His son, Jesus Christ, and His life changing teachings.

To begin your studies, please read the Bible verses (Scriptures) below, and then answer the questions, on the back. (The book of John is the fourth book in the New Testament section of the Bible).

#### John 3:1-18 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him." <sup>3</sup> In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

<sup>4</sup> "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked, "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born." <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit". <sup>6</sup> Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. <sup>7</sup> You should not be surprised at my saying, "You must be born again." <sup>8</sup> The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> "How can these things be?" asked Nicodemus. <sup>10</sup> "Are you a teacher of Israel and don't know these things?" Jesus replied. <sup>11</sup> " I assure you: We speak what We know and We testify to what We have seen, but you do not accept Our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about things that happen on earth and you don't believe, how will you believe if I tell you about things of heaven? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the One who descended from heaven- the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> so that everyone who believes in Him will have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in h`im is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.