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John 8:12-18

This subject for consideration is, The “I am's” of Christ.

Christ has been described in the Bible by many things. This is to show the many facets of Christ in our lives. These various figures help us to understand Him and what He means to us.

Let us study some of these figures at this time.

“I am the Light”.

John 8:12, *“Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”*

The world is in darkness. John 3:19-21, *“And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.”*

John came as a witness of the light. John 1:7-9, *“The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.”*

Jesus came to dispel darkness. John 12:46, *“I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.”*

We are to walk in the light. 1 John 1:7, *“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”*

If we say we walk with God, but continue to walk in darkness, God calls us a liar, because He doesn't exist in darkness.

1 John 1:5-7, *“This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”*

“I am the Bread of Life.”

John 6:35, “*And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.*”

Bread represents an ingredient of life...

Just as manna did for the children of Israel.

John 6:31-32, “*Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.*”

Jesus, as bread, represents righteousness.

We must hunger for it. Matt. 5:6, “*Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.*”

We can't live by physical bread alone. Matt. 4:4, “*But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*”

We must eat the word of God, just as did John the Revelator, so that we can do something with it.

- Rev. 10:9-11, “*And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.*”
- 2 Tim. 4:2, “*Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.*”
- Gal. 1:8, “*But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.*”

“I am the way.”

We've all gotten lost some times in our lives when traveling. Can happen easily if we don't pay attention to a map.

If heaven is our destination, then we need to pay attention to the roadmap God has provided us.

There is only one way to eternal life.

- John 14:6, *“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”*
- Matt. 7:13-14, *“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”*

We can't rely upon our instincts, opinions, or human judgments.

Prov. 14:12, *“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”*

Since there is only one way to heaven, we need to find it and stay in it.

- Col. 2:6, *“As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him.”*
- 1 John 2:24, *“Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.”*
- Rev. 2:10, *“...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”*

“I am the door.”

John 10:7-9, *“Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.”*

Jesus is our door access to the Father in prayer. He is our mediator.

- Eph. 2:18, *“For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.”*
- 1 Tim. 2:5, *“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;”*
- John 14:13-14, *“And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.”*

- John 15:16, *“Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.”*
- John 16:24, *“Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.”*

Jesus is our access door to heaven if we but let Him control our life.

- Gal. 3:26-27, *“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”*
- 2 Cor. 5:17, *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”*
- Rom. 8:1, *“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”*
- Eph. 1:3, *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.”*

Conclusion.

These “I am’s” (facets) of Jesus should be remembered. They teach us the importance of Christ.

What is Christ to you? Is He all of these things to you?

