

Introduction To The I Am Statements Of Christ

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Introduction

1. Reflecting on the words of Jesus is good for our walk with God (Philippians 4:8). Reflecting on who Jesus says He is are some of the most important studies for our lives.
2. Only Jesus can save us from our sins and give us the grace we need to live for Him! Studying the I AM statements of Jesus help us to live for Jesus in the present so that we can say with Paul the words of Galatians 2:20. Does the phrase "The life I now live" describe yours?

I. Moses Asks A Question (Exodus 3:13)

- a. The Name of God
 - i. Ancient Greek philosophers wrestled with problem of knowing and naming God. Modern philosophy has fared any better. But to know God and His name is the most important thing in life!

II. To Know God Is To...

- a. Have Salvation
 - i. John 17:3; John 9:35-38; Ephesians 1:18-19
- b. To Worship Him
 - i. The best worship comes from people who have a relationship with the Father
- c. To Be Transformed
 - i. Psalm 115:1-8 "Those who make them [idols] will be like them, so will all who trust in them"
Romans 8:29 Christians are to be "conformed to the image of his Son"
 - ii. The better we know the Lord, the more we will love Him, the more we will worship and obey Him.
As a result we will become like Him. (2 Peter 3:18; 2 Corinthians 3:18)

III. Identification (Exodus 3:14)

- a. The Need To Know The Name of The Lord
 - i. Yahweh is our translation of the name Lord which comes from the Hebrew word meaning I Am (YHWH). There are nine places in the Old Testament that "fill out" or "complete" the name I AM to reveal more about God's nature.
 - ii. Genesis 22:14; Exodus 15:26; 17:15; Leviticus 20:8; Judges 6:24; Psalm 23:1; Psalm 46:7; Jeremiah 23:6; Ezekiel 48:35 All these names refer to Jesus Christ!

IV. The I AM Statements (Sunday Night Song Service)

- a. I AM The Bread of Life – John 6:35, 51, 58
 - i. It is only through Jesus we find our spiritual hunger and thirst is filled
- b. I AM The Light of the World – John 8:12
 - i. Jesus brings the light to a world of darkness
- c. I AM The Door of The Sheep – John 10:7-11
 - i. Jesus has opened the door to salvation. He is the way to "pasture" or as He says "abundant life" for we have entrance to joy (Eph 1:3; Php 4:4); Forgiveness (Mat 26:28; Col 1:14); Heaven (John 14:1); etc.
- d. I AM The Good Shepherd – John 10:11, 14
 - i. Jesus is the great shepherd of our souls and He gave His life for His sheep
- e. I AM The Resurrection And Life – John 11:25-26
 - i. Jesus makes eternal life possible
- f. I AM The Way, Truth And The Life – John 14:6
 - i. Jesus is the only way to the Father and to true life
- g. I AM The True Vine – John 15:1
 - i. Jesus is the source of true spiritual life and we cannot live or be fruitful without Him