

The Correspondent



SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study (Adult) 1:30 PM
Bible Study (All Ages) 7:00 PM
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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

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The "I Am" Statements of Christ

-Renn Ferguson

Our God, is all powerful, all knowing, and all present. These are the very characteristics that make Him God. The self-existence and eternal nature of God is best described by Him in Exodus 3:18, "God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" Christ applied this same term to Himself in John 8:58, "Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." Jesus is deity just as the Father, and Spirit are. His deity is the foundation of all other "I am" statements that Jesus made in His life.

In John 6:35 Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." Christ sustains physical life (Matthew 6:25-33) but more importantly He sustains spiritual life.

In John 8:12 He stated, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Christ is the light in which we must walk. When we do so, we have fellowship with Him and have come out of the darkness of sin (1 John 1:7, 1 Peter 2:9).

In John 10:9 Christ told us, "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture." It is only through Him that we have access to the Father and all spiritual blessings.

In John 10:11 He said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." He loved us so much that He sacrificed Himself so that we may be spared.

Then in John 11:25 He said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live," Through Christ we can have the victory over death! (1 Corinthians 15:50-58).

In John 14:6 Christ said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Again, Jesus is the only avenue through which we can come to the Father, and have salvation (Acts 4:12).

The final "I am" statement is in John 15:1, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser." It is only by being in Christ that we can bear fruit for God.

It is a tremendous blessing to serve a God who can supply all our spiritual needs. He truly is the Great I AM.