

“Jesus Christ The Great I Am”



John 8:48-58, 2 Peter 3:17-18

There is a true reality of loving, living, and serving the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am challenging us to continue growing and developing in our relationship with God. (2 Peter 3:17-18)

- **I am challenging us to truly believe, submit and commit to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and His mission. (Matthew 28:16-20)**
- **I am challenging us to put away our religious practices and traditions that never bring us closer to God. (Mark 7:6-9)**
- **I am challenging us to move from a life a stagnation to a life of transformation. (Romans 12:1-2)**

Purpose: To anchor our faith and dependency upon God.

Goal: For us to continue loving, living and serving the Jesus Christ with grace and humility.

Spiritual Principle: Authority, Stewardship, Faith, Grace, Obedience, Unconditional Love, Agreement, Organization

The phrase “I AM” is found both in the Old and New Testament to reveal the divine name and nature of God.

Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of the Midian. As he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. The Angel of the Lord appeared to Him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. (Exodus 3:1-8)

The Lord said, “Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt. (vs. 10-14)

Moses response to God, “Who am I.” – “What authority do I have to fulfill such a great task.” (vs. 11)

God respond to Moses question with (4) four assurances. (vs. 12)

1. I will certainly be with you.
2. It will be a sign that I have sent you.
3. You shall be victorious in bringing them out of Egypt.
4. You shall serve and worship the True and Living God on this mountain.

Moses ask God a question, “When I come to the children of Israel and they ask me what is His name?” What shall I say to them? And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” “Say this to the children of Israel, I AM has sent me to you.” (vs. 13-14)

1. The phrase “I AM” is the English translation of the first-person singular Hebrew verb meaning “to be.”
2. It reveals that God is eternal, self-existent, self-sufficient and does not depend on anything or anyone to exist and to be God. God is the Creator and Sustainer of everything. “He is God all by Himself.”
3. It conveys the meaning “I am who and what I am” or “I am God and I do not change.” “God is everything that all creation needs Him to be.”

Jesus uses the same phrase “I am” in the Gospel of John. (John 8:53-58)

The Jews ask Jesus a question, “Are you greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be? (vs. 53)

Jesus Christ reveals (4) four claims about His Deity to the unbelieving Jews. (vs. 54-59)

1. He claimed that He was honored by His Father “ –The True and Living God.” (vs. 54)
- Jesus did not come to honor Himself or seeking validation from men in the world. (John 5:32-38, 1John 5:9-12)

2. He claimed that He personally knew God “ –The Creator and Sustainer God.” (vs. 55)

- Jesus declares, “I know Him.” You profess to know Him, but you don’t know Him.” (Matthew 7:21, 29, John 10:15, 17:25, Titus 1:16)

3. He claimed that He was the One that Abraham rejoice to see and did see it. “The True Messiah and the very Son of God coming to earth.” (vs. 56-57)

- The Jews question Jesus in disbelief that it would be impossible for Him to encounter Abraham, due to being under fifty years old. (vs. 57)

4. He claimed that He was before Abraham. “Jesus is the I Am.” (vs. 58)

- Jesus makes the most profound claim, “He existed before Abraham was born.”

Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. (Revelation 1:8, 21:1-6, 22:12-14)

- He is the Author and Finisher of our faith. (Hebrews 12:1-2)
- He is the only One who came and die for the sins of all humanity (John 3:16). He will return for His Church (1Thessalonians 4:13-18).
- He is the Head, anchor and stabilizer of His Church. (Ephesians 1:22-23, Colossians 1:16-18)
- He is the only One who can unite us together and bring true peace to our lives. (Isaiah 26:3, Ephesians 2:14-22, John 14:27, 16:33)

There is no substitute for Jesus Christ. (John 1:1-14)

- Imagine your life without God “ –The Father of all Creation.”
- Imagine your life without Jesus Christ “ –The Son of Redemption.”
- Imagine your life without the Holy Spirit “ –The Power within the Believer’s life.”
- Imagine the things that God has prepared for those who love Him. (John 14:23-24, 1Corinthians 4:9-12)

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. (Hebrew 13:8, John 17:1-5)

- Without Jesus we can do nothing that has eternal value in the Kingdom of God. (John 15:1-5)
- Without Jesus being resurrected, the believers’ preaching would be in vain and our faith would be futile (empty, worthless and of no use). (1 Corinthians 15:12-19)
- Without Jesus all humanity would still be living under the curse of the law and would die in their sins. (2 Corinthians 5:21, Galatians 3:10-14, Ephesians 2:8-9)
- Without Jesus there, is no way to eternal life in the presence of God. (John 5:24, 14:6)