



His divine identity proclaimed through a series of seven "I AM" statements

1. I am the Light of the World (8:12)
2. I am not alone (8:16)
3. I am one witness, and my Father who sent me is the other (8:18)
4. I am from above (8:23)
5. I am not of this world (8:23)
6. I am He (the Christ) (8:24, 28)

I AM! (8:58)

1. What does Jesus say about Himself? (12)

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Jesus gives spiritual light for life's journey!

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In him was life, and the life was the light of men. (1:4)

Chapter 6 – Jesus is the Bread of Life. He fills humanities hunger for God.

Chapter 7 – Jesus is the Water of Life. He quenches humanities thirst for God.

Chapter 8 – Jesus is the Light of Life. He illuminates humanities confusion or darkness.



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Theology of Darkness

¹⁷ Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. (Eph. 4)

¹⁸ Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him. (Eph 4)

¹⁸ But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness... ²¹ Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused.
²² Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools.
 (Ro. 1)

²⁸ Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done. (Ro. 1)

3. What is our response to Jesus? (12)

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Will you irrevocably follow that Light?

- A soldier following his captain
- A slave accompanying his master
- A person following a wise counselor's advice
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Surgeon says, "Jesus is too good to do me wrong. He is too wise to make a mistake. So even though my eye cannot immediately see His way, my heart will trust his guidance."

What does Jesus say to those who reject His claim?

¹³ So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; **your testimony is not true.**"

¹⁴ Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I came from and now where I come from, you do not know. According to what you have heard, you judge, my Father judges, but my Father's judgment is true. It is written in your Law that the Son of Man must be lifted up. I am the Son of Man, and the Father who sent me is true. ¹⁹ They said to him therefore, 'Where is your Father?' Jesus answered, 'You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.'

Ignorance of God is found in the rejecters of Christ.

^{20a} These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple;

^{20b} ...but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

²¹ So he said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." ²² So the Jews said, "Will he kill himself, since he says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?" ²³ He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world."

It points to a horror which is all the more terrible since being explained. To die in ones sin unrepentant and un-atoned is the supreme disaster!" (Morris)

Notice the contrast! Its HUGE!

8:51 ⁵¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.

(1 Cor. 15) ²² Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life.

(1 Thess. 4) ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

1 Cor. 2 ¹⁴ *But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means.*

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²⁴ *I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he (the Anointed One, Christ) you will die in your sins.*"

²⁵ So they said to him, "**Who are you?**" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. ²⁶ I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him."

²⁷ They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father. ²⁸ So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. ²⁹ And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him."

How does this become a reality in *your* life?

1) Do you believe Jesus as the light of light personally?

³⁰ As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

2) As a believer are you absolutely submitted to the light of God as displayed in His Word while controlled by the Holy Spirit? Are you following Jesus?

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