

# Jesus said "I AM"

The words "I am" = an eternal existence of present tense. He has always existed. Everything that matters in life comes from Him; all power comes from Him; He is God Almighty.

## I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

John 8:12 Jesus said to the woman & the group, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

What was happening that caused Jesus to say this?

- John starts his gospel with multiple references to darkness
- The women living in adultery was brought to Jesus; The Jewish leaders condemned her life of darkness, but they denied their own lives of darkness.

1. Summarize what is said about "darkness" in the following verses.

- a. John 1:5 \_\_\_\_\_
- b. John 3:19 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. John 8:12 \_\_\_\_\_
- d. John 12:35 \_\_\_\_\_
- e. John 12:46 \_\_\_\_\_

2. Read the following verses. It won't take long. Since the world is full of darkness, and desperately needs light, where will this light come from?

(John 1:4,7,8,9; 3:19; 8:12; 9:5; 12:46)

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The word "darkness" means "a dimness, something obscured (in the shade), a blurry outline.

2 Corinthians 4:4 ".....Satan, the god of this world has blinded the minds of them that believe not..."

The word "blind" means "opaque" (smoky)

3. In 1 John 2:11, what does "darkness" do? \_\_\_\_\_
4. In Colossians 1:13, who has caused this darkness? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you see scary the situation here? Satan blurs the truth; he distracts us from the truth; we do not see the truth clearly. It is a spiritual "cataract". This vision problem cannot be fixed with laser surgery. If I grew up with a vision problem, but did not know I had a vision problem, I would assume that my vision was normal - the same kind of vision that everybody has. That is sad.

5. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No The devil wants evil & ungodliness to be the norm for us.
6. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No The devil wants us to be satisfied with darkness.
7. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No The "dark" life is made fun & popular by the devil.
8. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No The devil is desperate because as soon as "light" comes in contact with the darkness, it is no longer darkness.

Psalm 27:1      *The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?*

1 John 1:5      *This is the message that we have heard from Christ and declare to you, that God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all.*

9. These two verses are referring to God the Father.

- a.  Yes  No      From John 8:12, Christ is the Light of the world.
- b.  Yes  No      Is not God the Father also the Light of the world?

*Ephesians 5:8-9 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is goodness, righteousness, and truth), for this pleases God.*

*Notice that the verse does not say we were "IN" darkness, it says we "WERE" darkness. It does not say we were "IN" light, it says we "WERE" light. The Holy Spirit gives us goodness, righteousness, and truth when we save. THOSE THREE "FRUIT PARTS" NEED LIGHT TO OPERATE IN US.*

10. This verse refers to the Holy Spirit's involvement in our lives.

- a.  Yes  No      From John 8:12, Christ is the Light of the world. Right?
- b.  Yes  No      From Ps. 27:1, the Father is the Light of the world. Right?
- c.  Yes  No      Is not the Holy Spirit also the Light of the world?

*Since "darkness" is part of our being at birth (inherited sin nature), no one can fix it except the Light of the world (the Creator & Source of light), our Lord Jesus Christ.*

### WHAT GOOD IS THIS LIGHT?

11. Match the verses with what the "Light" does for us.

- a. John 12:46       Gives us victory over the darkness
- b. John 1:9       Guides us through our lives
- c. John 12:35       Exposes our evil & the evil around us
- d. John 1:5       Enables us to see the truth, believe, and be saved
- e. John 3:20       Strengthens us for the battles we face
- f. Psalm 27:1       Enlightens us to learn more about the truth
- g. 1 John 1:7       Provides a closeness with our Lord Jesus Christ
- h. Matt. 5:16       Provides the ability to shine out to others.

12. Are you allowing the "Light" (the Holy Spirit) to:

- a.  Yes  No      Give you daily victory over your weak areas in life?
- b.  Yes  No      Guide you when you do not know where to go or what to do?
- c.  Yes  No      Expose the sinful, disobedient habits of your life?
- d.  Yes  No      Keep you close to the Lord through prayer & meditation?
- e.  Yes  No      Teach you what is needed in your life through Bible reading?
- f.  Yes  No      Shine to the people around you through your daily walk?