

Good News From Chardon

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The Seven “I AM” Statements of Jesus in John

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Of all the accounts of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, the Gospel of John arguably provides the most evidence of His Divine nature, and probably none more so than the seven “I AM” statements Jesus makes about Himself. Each of these seven declarations gives insight into the Godly character of Jesus as the Son of God. Each of these statements declare for anyone with ears to hear and with eyes to see that Jesus was... no mere Prophet of God, He was literally what His prophesied title of Immanuel meant: He was “God with Us” (Matthew 1:23).

“I AM the Bread of life” (John 6:35 [RSV]). Jesus was the Manna from God, but He also is the Living Word that sustains mankind (Deuteronomy 8:3; John 1:1).

“I AM the Light of the world” (John 8:12 [RSV]). “God is Light and in Him is no darkness at all” (1 John 1:5 [RSV]). Can it be any clearer Who Jesus is?

“I AM the Door” (John 10:9 [RSV]). Jesus is the passage to the Father that all must pass through for salvation from their sins.

“I AM the Good Shepherd” (John 10:11 [RSV]). “The Lord is my Shepherd” wrote David in Psalm 23:1. Jesus is that Lord!

“I AM the Resurrection and the Life” (John 11:25 [RSV]). Only those in Christ will be resurrected to eternal life, something only God can bestow.

“I AM the Way, and the Truth, and the Life” (John 14:6 [RSV]). Jesus, and only Jesus, is the pathway to the eternal truth of God and life in Him.

“I AM the True Vine” (John 15:1 [RSV]). Any other vine is false and will lead to utter and eternal destruction from God’s Presence.

Perhaps the most compelling statement of His Divinity came when Jesus forthrightly declared in John 8:58 [RSV], “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.” Anyone could make such a claim, but only Jesus could back it up. The miracles He performed culminating in His resurrection proved He was, indeed, Divine. Jesus was and is the Living God Who took on human flesh!

May the Living God bless you and your family!

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Schedule of Services:

Greeting: Tom

Song Leader:

Ray

Opening Hymn:

9—True Worship

Opening Prayer:

Myron

Hymn:

26—In The Garden

Scripture Reading:

Larry

John 8:52-59

Hymn:

313—We Saw Thee Not

Lord’s Supper:

Mark & Robert

Hymn:

39—Is Thy Heart Right With God

Sermon:

Tom

Invitation Hymn:

604—I Am Coming Lord

Closing Hymn:

57—My Jesus As Thou Wilt

Closing Prayer:

Ryan

PRAYER LIST

- *Juanita's grandson-in-law is recovering from surgery
- *Pat could not be with us last Sunday.
- *Juanita and her family.
- *Dale's friend Zarna and her family.
- *Larry and Ruth
- *Dale, his mother and his cousin Jayna and her family.
- *Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.
- *Rebecca will be scheduling foot surgery this summer.
- *Our congregation
- *Our Veterans
- *Our Nation

CALENDAR

- May 19—Bible Study 10 am
Mark
- May 19—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Speaker: Tom
- May 19—b. Tammy
- May 21—b. Marc
- May 22—Bible Study 7 pm
Rob
- May 22—b. Barbara
- May 25—b. Rosemary
- May 26—Bible Study 10 am
Mark
- May 26—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Speaker: Tom
- May 29—Bible Study 7 pm
Rob
- May 31—Friday Night Sing
Ravenna
- Jun. 2—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Speaker: Tom
- Jun. 5—Bible Study 7 pm
Rob

Answer to Puzzle: Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

I AM

Reference: John 8:52-59

ABRAHAM	ANSWERED	ANYONE
DEATH	DEMON	FATHER
FIFTY	GOING	GREATER
HIMSELF	HONOR	JESUS
KEEPS	KNOWN	MIDST
MYSELF	NEVER	NOTHING
PASSED	PROPHETS	REJOICED
SHALL	STONES	TASTE

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Hidden Phrase: _____
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"If you let your head get too big, it'll
 break your neck." Elvis Presley

SUNDAY: Bible Class — 10:00 am; Worship — 11:00 am; Evening — 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening Bible Study — 7:00 pm
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