

# I Am – The Light Of The World

In these days after Easter, many people are still wondering who Jesus was and why billions of Christians around the world worship him. *What made Jesus so great?* We answer that question in this next series of devotions, as Jesus makes his **Great I Am** statements. As we take a look at how the Son of God reveals himself in Scripture in various ways, we see the many and great characteristics of our Savior and Lord.

One of the blessings of Spring is the days get longer. There are more hours to enjoy the brightness and warmth of the sun. Sunlight makes us more awake, gets us more active, and just makes us feel better. Nobody likes to live in darkness. In 1 John 1:5, it is written “*God is Light and in him there is no darkness at all.*” Light describes the realm of our God; his holiness, his perfection, his justness, his faithfulness, his mercy and grace. Contrast that to the realm of Satan which is described as total darkness, speaking of those who have rejected Christ, Jude writes “*The blackest darkness has been reserved forever*” (13).

We were once those children of darkness. Once having been under the deadly grasp of Satan, been under the influence of an immoral world, and been guided by the pleasures of our own sinful nature. How great the darkness of our sins that most assuredly would have led to our eternal death and damnation. BUT, Jesus came to be the Light of the World, a Savior “*Who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light*” (1 Peter 2:9). It was the light of God’s grace and mercy that shown in the life of Christ our Savior. He suffered the darkness of our sins and died for them, only to rise in the light of his glory on Easter morning to proclaim us forgiven. We are no longer children of darkness, but children of the Light.

Every day we live, we live in Christ. “*I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life*” (John 8:12). As we follow Christ, the light of his grace and mercy shines in our lives for all to see. We are walking, talking, breathing witnesses of his saving power. Jesus therefore calls us to be his lights in such a sin darkened world, “*Let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven*” (Matthew 5:14).

As long as we live in this world, our lives will constantly be affected by the darkness of this world. But there is a day coming when we will be delivered out of this world of darkness to live in the eternal light and glory of heaven. An eternal home where there will no longer be any sin, sorrow, or death. In heaven there will only be perfection and holiness as our Savior reigns and we his people with him. John in his Revelation wrote about the kingdom of heaven, “*I did not see a temple in the city because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp*” (Revelation 21:22,23).

May the light of God’s grace and mercy forever shine in our hearts.

Read **John 1:1-34** as today’s Scripture Lesson

Blessings to you and your families,

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