

# Yeshua's 7 'I AM', Part 1 of 2

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## Summary:

We are to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18). In Part 1 of Yeshua's famous 7 'I am' statements, we learn more of who He is and what he does as our new life. Remember "I am" is a core meaning behind "YHVH". You will likely pick up some valuable new insights and see and feel more of the greatness that is Yeshua! (This has been re-recorded to eliminate background noise that was in the first posting.)

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Welcome, and shalom you children of the Highest, brothers and sisters in Yeshua (Jesus) the Messiah.

**How great is our Yeshua, the Son of God? He himself reveals more about who and what He is by his seven "I am" statements.** I'm giving this topic – about the 7 "I am" statements -- because we're commanded to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Yeshua the Messiah (Jesus Christ)" – 2 Peter 3:18.

I've also shown many times before, that what God wants is for us to come to know and understand him, as impossible as it may seem to "know" God.

**In Jeremiah 9:23-24** God tells us that if we want to glory or boast in anything, it should not be in our wealth or strength – but "Let him who glories, glory in this, **that he understands and KNOWS me**, that I am YHVH, exercising lovingkindness, judgment and righteousness in the earth, for in these I delight."

Yeshua also pointed out that when we study his word, the Holy Scriptures, that the goal is not just to learn technical Biblical points or just right doctrine – but to come to HIM, to find him, to know him, to love him. We are to come to know the Author of the Word of God. Yeshua is the living Word.

### **John 5:39-40**

"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. 40 But you are not willing to come to ME that you may have life."

Let's remind ourselves also of what else our Yeshua is:

**Isaiah 9:6**

“For unto us **a Child is born, Unto us a Son** is given;  
And the government will be upon His shoulder.  
And His name will be called **Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**”

Yes, God the Father is God MOST High. He is greater than even Yeshua. But the Son of God is also God, is also YHVH – as I’ve proven in other recent sermons, and is worthy of praise and honor.

And I hope you realize our Yeshua is also our “Husband, our Lord, Master, Lion of Judah, Creator who implemented the Father’s will, Melchizedek, Root of Jesse, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, He’s King of Kings, Lord of Lords.” And yes, he’s also called “Mighty God” in **Isaiah 9:6**.

Let’s ask for God’s presence and blessing on this topic. (**OPENING PRAYER**)

**WHO IS THE “I AM”?**

We’ll study these “I am” statements in the sequence in which they were delivered to us. But first, let’s recall a couple of things:

- When Moses asked the name of this Being in the burning bush, the Creator said “I AM WHO I AM” – or “I am what I always have been and always will be” (**Exodus 3:13-14**).
- Just as “God” must refer to both God the Father and to Yeshua – clearly stated so in **John 1:1-3** and **Hebrews 1:8** and other scriptures – so too does “I am” refer to both God the Father and to Yeshua! And the fact that Jesus/Yeshua 7x declares he is the “I am” shows us HE knows he is the “I am” along with his Father.

Check out my other sermons on how “YHVH” HAS to be referring to both God the Father as well as the Word of God, depending on context. We know for example that Zechariah 14 says YHVH of Hosts will come to earth, landing on the Mt of Olives – and we know that HAS to refer to Yeshua, as foretold by the angels in **Acts 1:9-12**. I have all this in my last sermons on the topic. Today we’re talking about how Yeshua is the “I am” and shows himself through the 7 “I am” statements. “I am” is a meaning included in “YHVH”.

Also the phrase “who is and was and is to come” is really a more elaborate way of saying “I AM”. Our God is not a wannabe. Our God is not almost there – he IS, He is what he is. Some translate this as “the Eternal” – but there’s no “the” here. His name is “I AM”.

We’re about to see – in these “7 “I am statements”, just how completely our God and Savior provides for us and looks after us. OUR role is to TRUST him and believe, no matter what we see or are being told or are going through.

**Let me first say this too: there are other “I am” statements made by Yeshua** outside the Gospel of John. In the Garden of Gethsemane, when he asked whom the mob came to arrest, and they answered “Yeshua” – he responded to them “I am” (not “I am HE”). There’s no “he” in the original. Just “I am”. You can read it yourself in **John 18:1-8**, especially verses 5, 6, 8.

And in Revelation, Christ who is the revelator, says, “I am the alpha and omega (A and Z; Aleph and Tav in Hebrew), the First and the Last” – **Rev. 1:11** KJV and NKJV. Also **Revelation 1:17**, a passage clearly about Christ – he again says HE is “the first and the last”. We’ll go into that expression, “I am the Alpha and Omega” in a future sermon or blog.

### THE SEVEN ‘I AM’ of Yeshua our Messiah

SEVEN TIMES in the gospel of John, we find Yeshua describing himself in 7 different ways but always on the foundation of being “I am.” Let’s learn from our Master what and who He is. And again, **remember this: “I am” is a variant of “YHVH”.**

In much of the gospel accounts, Yeshua often speaks of God the Father. But in the gospel of John, as we’ll show today, he identifies HIMSELF and speaks of **HIMSELF**, over and over, and certainly does in these 7 “I am” statements.

#### 1. **“I AM -- The Bread of Life”**

##### **John 6:35 (CJB)**

Yeshua answered, “I AM **the bread which is life!** Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever **trusts** in me will never be thirsty.”

KJV and NKJV – I am the Bread OF life....and he who believes in me shall never thirst. **Greek: Artos – bread, loaves.** It usually refers to leavened bread, but it also is the same word used in the Greek for showbread, that David ate, and showbread was unleavened (**Matthew 12:4; Heb 9:2**). So artos does not always mean leavened bread or regular bread.

So what does he mean by saying He is “the Bread of Life”? Before I say some things about Yeshua being “the Bread of Life”, **let me ask you: what does “bread” mean to you?**

More and more people won’t eat bread because wheat and barley have been genetically modified and it’s not like the bread of Yeshua’s day. Plus the Gluten-free phenomenon causes many to refuse bread today. I get that.

But Yeshua says he is BREAD, bread of LIFE. ***What does Bread to mean to you? It’s LIFE. It’s wonderfully tasty.*** In most cultures, it’s a big part of meals. Most people – when hungry – want some form of bread.

“Bread” from wheat or other grains can be in rolls, loaves, tortillas, pita bread, or French bread, Cuban bread – it’s BREAD. It’s wonderful. It feels good in the mouth. We LOVE Bread! Put some butter on freshly made bread or toasted bread – and YUM! Or put peanut butter and jelly on it... wonderful!

In the same way as bread, do you find Yeshua to be LIFE-GIVING? Do you find him to be wonderful to partake of? Do you LOVE Christ – as you love bread -- and more so! Yeshua is our bread of life and we are to love him.

Just as you *can’t wait* to bite into those tasty dinner rolls, or the hot breads served in better restaurants as you wait for your dinner to be served ... we should come to the point ***where we can’t wait to spend some joyful, adoring time with OUR Bread of Life, the Son of God.*** In fact, he says in several places, that he wants us to “eat of him” – to take him in, make him a part of us. He wants that intimacy with him.

Don’t forget that Yeshua was born in **Bethlehem – which means... “House of BREAD.”** I think this whole concept of being Bread means He is our provider and will provide for us – and satisfy our spiritual hunger.

The sad thing is that spiritually many can go a long time and not even recognize they are hungry spiritually and need to satisfy that hunger!

The context to this “I am” statement is vital: Five thousand people had just been fed by Yeshua (**John 6:4-14**), and ***IT WAS CLOSE to Passover season (John 6:4)***, which is all about God forgiving and reconciling to us as we ....yes, as we eat of him, the Passover Bread and drink of the fruit of the Vine, another “I am” coming up next time.

Right after feeding the many thousands – after that, later that night, **Yeshua walked on the water (John 6:15-21)**, terrifying his disciples who were

struggling with a storm on the Sea of Galilee. Once Yeshua got inside the boat, the boat instantly was on the land – something people often read right over (**John 6:21**). “Then they willingly received him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.”

Have you noticed that before? So a lot of powerful miracles were going on.

We’re now at John 6:22-25 and the crowds were wondering how Yeshua got across the lake so fast. **He recognizes they weren’t really interested in HIM so much spiritually – but in what he could DO for them physically** (feed them, answer their physical needs). Ponder what I just said. They were NOT interested in HIM, but in what He could DO for them.

*Does that ever sound like you and me? Of course it does! Even in our prayers, do we seek HIM, do we ask him to show us how to intimately come to know him, or are we praying most of the time to give him our list of “I want this and want that from you”?*

*Here’s what Yeshua said:*

**John 6:26-29**

26 Jesus answered them and said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. 27 Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will GIVE you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.”

28 Then they said to Him, “What shall we DO, that we may work the works of God?” [We’re always trying to work out our own works instead of living by faith.]

29 Jesus answered and said to them, **“THIS is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.”**

The miracle of the feeding of the 5,000 through the 5 loaves and 2 fish wasn’t enough for some who still wanted a miraculous sign (v 30-31). **They brought up MANNA (Ex 16:13-18)** – so that’s the context of Yeshua’s statements about BEING the bread of life, being what the manna pointed to! (Other scriptures on Manna: **Num 11:7-9; Psalm 78:24-25; Deut. 8:3,16**).

- Manna looked like a small, whitish round “seed” depicting Yeshua’s purity and humility. If you could picture a roundish kernel of rice, something like that.
- It had a texture of fresh oil, or wafers made with honey
- It was given freely to all who would accept it and take time to collect it.

- It came every day except on the Sabbath, so they gathered 2x as much on 6<sup>th</sup> day.
- If you didn’t avail yourself of it early in the day, it melted away. The opportunity would be gone – until the next day.
- Those who ate of the manna eventually died, Yeshua says –vs 49-51. But if we eat of HIM, we shall live forever.

Again, it was also **near the Passover (John 6:4)** – and so his words must be taken in context as well. Christ – at his last Passover – said about the bread he broke and gave to the disciples, “Take, eat, this is MY BODY” (Matthew 26:26).

In **Deuteronomy 8:3, 16**—manna is equated with the Word of God. WHO is that? John 1:1-3 tells us! It’s Yeshua, the Word who was with God and was God. God said that the REASON they were given manna was so they could learn to live—not just by bread – but live by every word of God. So Yeshua, the Word of God (John 1:1-3), is the bread of life. He’s the living scriptures.

**Deuteronomy 8:3**

So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with **manna** which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; **but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of YHVH**”

**Read John 6:32-34** - Yeshua explains that it was God the Father who sent the manna and who had sent them the true bread from heaven, he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. But they were blind to his meaning and didn’t recognize he was speaking of himself.

Yeshua is saying –manna, and bread – is what HE is. Nourishment. Life. He is also the living Word of God, the scriptures, the Bible. We must seek him out daily and LIVE BY his every word. EVERY word. Not just the ones we like.

**So when they asked for that bread from heaven, this is when the first of the famous 7 “I am” statements is given – John 6:35, 48 – “I AM the Bread of Life”.** He chastises them for not being able to “SEE” that he spoke of himself and then adds: “He who believes in me shall never thirst” (v. 35b).

Sometimes we eat of the Word of God like it’s a **smorgasbord**. We get to leave some, or skip some, or we have 2<sup>nd</sup> helpings of other verses. NO, Yeshua said – live by EVERY word of God.

What are the scriptures you don’t like? They are the areas of sin we’re allowing in our lives, or teachings that we find hard to submit to: loving our enemies, praying for those who persecute us, serving and loving our wife, ladies – submitting to your husband as your head. Or men not having long hair and women not having short hair. And on and on and on. We minimize certain scriptures we don’t like, but Yeshua says to live by every word of God.

So we ask God to show us where we need to be feast. So that’s why in the sample Lord’s prayer, one of the key topics was **“Give us this day – what? – our daily bread...” (Matthew 6:11).**

*Once we know where the Bread of Life is, and who it is, we should share that good news with others.*

**When we read it all in context, he’s saying don’t just memorize a cutesy verse “I am the Bread of Life” – but GRASP what Jesus TAUGHT about that:**

- I am what sustains you, like bread does, like manna did. Each one had to accept the manna themselves. Christ is our Sustainer and we stay alive spiritually and physically because of him.
- “If you believe in ME, you have eternal life assured you” – seeing the Christ as your source of life means truly trusting your life to him, always.
- Focus on faith in God providing for you and taking care of you. Manna just appeared each morning – and by the way, even when many were being rebellious, the manna still came! The water still flowed. The cloud above was still there. They had to go out and collect the manna each day, but they didn’t have to produce it. God did. In a similar way, we trust God will work things out – according to HIS will and desires for us – if we trust and look to him in our times of difficulty and need. This is something we all are constantly re-learning, it seems. I preach to myself.
- Don’t focus on the physical things in this world but the things that pertain to eternity.” **“Don’t labor for the bread that perishes but the food that endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you...” (John 6:27).**
- If you know spiritually starving people – lead them to the solution to their longing-- to the Bread! Don’t be shy about talking about Yeshua!
- Seek HIM; come to know HIM – and not just seeking what he can do for you.

**2. “I AM The Light of the World” John 8:12**

We come now to the 2<sup>nd</sup> “I am” in sequence. Remember “I am” is a variant of the Tetragrammaton YHVH. In this second one he contrasts dark and light.

*“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)*

**Just as bread or food is essential for life, so is light. Most created things require some light. (Story of my bottle brush bush growing away from the shade of the magnolia tree.) The bush wanted LIGHT).**

*We get rid of the dark times in our lives by coming to His light. We defeat and eliminate darkness with light. So he is speaking spiritually primarily.*

**That life-giving light is – Christ himself.** In the temple and tabernacle, what gave light to the holy place? It **was the menorah - 7 lights**, and the main one was the “Servant Lamp” in the middle. That was Yeshua.

**CREATION LIGHT on Day 1 – was not the sun**

**On the first day of creation, Darkness covered the earth. There was no light visible from or on earth. The sun was not visible til day 4, remember. Elohim says “Light BE!”** That’s the actual sense of the Hebrew. And the word “BE” – is a variant of YHVH and of “I am who I am”. It has within it the sense of eternity. *But Christ as the Light may have a physical component as well.*

Now I want you to ponder deeply what I’m about to say here. Christ says **HE is the light of the world.** ON Day 1 of Creation week, God said, “Light BE” – and there was light for the world. *WHO and WHAT was the light of the world before the sun’s light was even visible at all until day 4?* Think now... and look what it says about the New Jerusalem and the new earth.

**Revelation 21:23**

*“The city had **no need of the sun** or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The LAMB is its light.”*

**Revelation 22:5**

*“There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.”*



**Isaiah 60:19**

**"The sun shall no longer be your light by day,  
Nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you;  
But YHVH will be to you an everlasting light,  
And your God your glory."**

Since Christ is the Light of the world, could it be, that the LIGHT that was seen on Day 1 of Creation Week in **Genesis 1:3-4** was initially light from the Word of God himself? Just a thought. The sun, moon and stars are not visible until day 4 (Genesis 1:14-19). So what was giving light to the world for the first 3 days?

“I am the light of the world” – perhaps could be seen spiritually as well as physically. In terms of the Creation of Gen 1, could HE also have been the initial light of the world? God does not change. (Malachi 3:6). He is the light of the world now, and I believe he has ALWAYS been the light of the world.

I just put that out there as something for you to chew on. If I’m wrong, fine, but Christ has always been the light of the world, in my books. I think scripture makes the connection from Genesis 1 that the light of Genesis 1 was also the Light to the Messiah as well, the light of the world. Look at 2 Cor. 4.

**2 Corinthians 4:6**

**“For it is the God (the Father) who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”**

**Have you heard that before, that the light of Gen 1:4-5 was The Word of God?** Well, he’s going to the source of light in the new heavens and new earth. God changes not (**Malachi 3:6**), and so how else do you explain it? I realize there is evening and there is morning – and the first day – I believe that Light was the future Christ.

**Scripture is clear on something else too: we are all in darkness until Yeshua comes to light up our life.** The only way to eliminate darkness is not with further darkness, but with light. MLK Jr said that. Bright light – which is Christ – destroys the darkness. When you feel in darkness, come to him, ask for guidance and light.

When God frees us from the shackles of Satan’s way, he should be as a FIRE before us! Remember God went in front of Israel by day in a pillar of cloud – and a pillar of fire by night to give them LIGHT (**Exodus 13:21**). God is still there to give us light in our night-times and dark times of our lives.

For God himself is clothed in light. It says “you cover yourself with LIGHT as with a garment...” (**Psalm 104:2**). And now God calls US “out of darkness into his marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9b). His eyes are described as “like a flame of fire” (Revelation 2:18). So “light” is tied to our God from start to finish.

When we start to experience God, there is a FIRE that lights up in our belly for him, a zeal, a sense that you were lost but now are found. You were one of the “people who walked in darkness” who now “have seen a great LIGHT” – **Isaiah 9:2** – and we are drawn to him, attracted to his LIGHT. Isaiah 9:2 continues “Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.” The words to “Amazing grace” come to mind. To save a wretch even like me (and you).

Light helps us see the way to guide us and obstacles to avoid bumping into. Light has allowed mankind to continue to function even in darkness.

Our calling is to come to the Light. Those in darkness often don’t want the light, as it exposes their evil deeds (**John 3:19-21**).

WE are called to be lights too – and to let our lights shine (**Matthew 5:14-16**). **But our light is really NOT just a reflection of Messiah’s light** (as I’ve heard preached so often) but letting the light of Christ himself, who is our life and our light, to SHINE through us so they see Christ working in us.

#### **John 1:4**

“In Him was life, **and the LIFE was the light of men.**”

**We become lights ourselves, as extensions of him**, instead of just lightless objects that reflect another’s light. No, he comes into our lives and we become extensions of HIM and of HIS light. Do we see the difference to being light vs. just being a reflector? It’s a key difference!

My family members, children of God: do you have the FIRE of Yeshua burning in your bellies? Yeshua is the word of God. God asks, “Is not **my Word like a FIRE?**, says YHVH...” (**Jeremiah 23:26**). We know who the “Word” is.

When we get up early and study God’s words, if we’re really taking Him in, it’s like a FIRE inside us and we have to get it out, and share it with others. It’s intense. It lights up our lives. It SHOWS... we’re full of his word, his light, his FIRE. For he says “I am the LIGHT of the world.” His words are like a LAMP unto our feet, lighting our path. (**Psa. 119:105**).

It keeps coming back to this, doesn’t it? Focus on HIM – for he is our Bread of Life, and HE is the light of the world that comes inside us to give light to everyone else.

Our lives should be lights too, as Christ is seen through us.

**3. “I AM The Gate/Door” – John 10:9.**

*“I AM the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture”*

**I need to point something else out. Yeshua never says he is “A” light or A shepherd or A door – he is IT. He is THE Door, THE light, THE bread. THERE ARE NO OTHER POSSIBLE doors or gates to salvation. Acts 4:12 – it is through his name, and no other, that we may be saved.**

CONTEXT of being The Door: It’s about the ENTRANCE to the sheep fold. Some translations say “door” and some say “gate”. This particular “I am” closely intertwines actually TWO “I am” pictures – the DOOR and the GOOD SHEPHERD. So I’ll also speak a bit about the shepherd back then, but get into Shepherd in more detail on the 4<sup>th</sup>, the next “I am”.

**John 10:1-10**

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

**2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.**

3 To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

4 And when he brings out his own sheep, *he goes ahead of them*; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." 6 Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.

7 Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **I am the door of the sheep.** 8 All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 **I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.** 10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

What’s going on here? In Israel, sheep willingly followed the shepherd, rather than be pushed from behind by the shepherd. In Israel you would see lots more sheep and goats than cows. At night, the sheep would be protected from predators and thieves by being put into a sheepfold, or pen, sometimes called “a keep”. Think of an enclosure of rocks, topped by thorny briars to keep the sheep from trying to get out – and thieves and predators from trying to get in.

**There was an opening to this sheep fold - the gate, or the door. This is the way the sheep got in or went out.** There was a door keeper who waited til he could hear the voice of the shepherd, and then he’d open that door. The sheep followed him in. At night, the shepherd slept by that door to guard it and protect the sheep.

The fact Yeshua calls himself the “Door”-- and not “the Wall”—is very significant. He WANTS us to come in and out through him. Remember there was also only ONE gate to the Garden of Eden and that opening was blocked after mankind sinned and Adam and Eve were expelled (**Genesis 3:23-24**).

**But now the door, ONE DOOR, one way – and that is through Jesus Christ alone** – the door to God’s presence is open again to those being called by God today. The door that is open is Yeshua himself. He’s the Door. He’s the opening you have to God. He’s the one whose name is above all other names and by his name ALONE can you be saved (Acts 4:12; Philippians 2:9-10).

This is also a warning to pastors – who are also called ‘shepherds’ working for the great Shepherd Yeshua (**1 Peter 5:1-4**). Peter was told, remember – FEED my lambs, tend my sheep, feed my sheep (**John 21:15-17**). He’s being told to nurture and protect them; SHEEP that are not his, but “the flock of God” 1 Peter 5:2.

The false pastors do not enter in by the Door, who is the Son of God! They don’t know Yeshua, don’t love him deeply, don’t have an intimate relationship with Him and sometimes even DOWNPLAY the greatness of Yeshua the Messiah. The Door to the Sheep is very GOD, folks! Very God himself, with God, as John 1:1-3 says. That’s our great Messiah.

Sure, God the Father is God MOST High, but at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow (**Phil 2:9-10**) and the Father has given him a name that is higher than any name under heaven! He is perfect, he is holy, he is Almighty along with God the Father, He is GOD as is the Father (John 1:1-3; Heb 1:8 etc) and HE is the DOOR to the relationship with God the Father.

If you have a preacher or pastor who you feel is downsizing, down-playing our king of kings, don't listen to him. He's a thief and a robber! RUN from him. We have to laud and glorify and magnify Jesus Christ—He is the only door, the only WAY to the Father.

**HE IS the ONE DOOR. That is not plural. There's one door only** and that one door is Yeshua, who is also the Shepherd. The ancient Tabernacle in the wilderness had ONE entrance into the courtyard. ONE. There are NOT many avenues to God. There is ONE, and One alone: through Yeshua the Messiah. NO OTHERS will work. Yeshua himself says, **“No one can come to the Father except by ME.”**

God the Father is the one who calls people (**John 6:44, 65**) God's own goodness leads us to repentance (Romans 2:4) and then Father hands us to Christ to complete what has begun in us. The Messiah then reveals God Most High as our very own Abba, our Daddy, who adopts us into the family of God (**Romans 8:15, 23; Gal. 4:5; Ephesians 1:5**). All this is possible only via the ONE true Door -- by going through Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

How GREAT is our Messiah, our Yeshua! The only one greater is Father himself, no one else. Christ is the DOOR to the sanctuary of being in the safe sheepfold. HE is the door to eternal life. God is exclusive. You shall have no other gods before me. And there can be no other Door – except Yeshua. None.

Peter even says “there is NO salvation in any other, for there is NO other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” – none. Just Yeshua of Nazareth. (Acts 4:12).

Jesus/Yeshua is the ONE and ONLY way to real peace, salvation, entrance to the presence of God Most High. He's the ONLY door to eternal life.

This is not just a pretty opening. It's an entrance you and I must go through if we are to find Life eternal.

So this leads beautifully now to the 4<sup>th</sup> I Am, also found in John 10, the Good Shepherd– which we'll cover next time as we finish the last 4 great “I am”s.

So this time we covered the first 3 I am statements:

- Our Christ is not just A piece of bread – but THE bread of Life. Not just any light, but THE LIGHT, THE door, not just one of many. He is IT.
- **Yeshua of Nazareth is our Bread of Life** who sustains us, feeds us, nourishes us and provides for us. He said part of this Bread of Life is to

believe in him, come to know and experience HIM – seeking not just what he can DO for us, but what he IS to us. Do you hear the difference?

He also said not to labor for physical things – but spiritual bread that never perishes. And remember he is the Passover bread, given for us that we might live. He says to focus on trusting and believing what God is doing in your life, even when it hurts and it’s not comfortable.

**We are to LIVE BY every word of God, not just bread alone**, Yeshua said. If we really understand him as Bread of Life, we have formed a habit of delving deeply into the WORD of God every single day. We put that ahead of Facebook, ahead of Twitter, Instagram and TV and social media. It means getting to bed early enough to get up early enough, unless you’re one of these folks who works nights or shift work.

- **He is the LIGHT of the WORLD** – showing us the way out of darkness and the fog of life, the darkness of sin, we’ve all experienced. He in us makes us not just reflectors of his light, but lights ourselves, as Christ shines in AND through us. If there is darkness in parts of our lives, we need to bring the light of Yeshua into those areas and expose the darkness and deliver us from it.

We need to learn to SHARE the Light of Christ in us to help bring others to the Light. It’s time to come out of the Christian closet and speak openly, glowingly, lovingly about how exciting it is to SEE spiritual things, to “get it”, and to have a light to show us the way to go in our lives. HE is that light. HE is that way.

- **Yeshua is also the DOOR, THE ONE door, the ONE GATE**, the ONE and only entrance to the protective Sheep fold of the Kingdom of God. He is the ONLY way into the presence of one true God. You can lead people to that Door that is Christ – but they must walk through it.

Don’t go looking for doorways into joy and peace through Buddhism or Hinduism or human reason or by the so-called “Secret”. **The only gate is Yeshua – Acts 4:12**. But even among sabbath keepers and believers, many are getting involved in eastern religions and their “doors” – don’t! Some are minimizing Yeshua terribly as they are reluctant to see he is fully God – not just “Divine”, and that YHVH HAS to in various ways include the Christ.

## CLOSING PRAYER