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**Introduction**

It was just before **THANKSGIVING** that we paused our series on **THE GOSPEL OF JOHN** to bring some messages for the **THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS, and NEW YEAR** seasons. This morning we return and pick back up where we left off! (*Refresh the time line of what we see happening.*)

**READ SCRIPTURE**

We have already seen a lot about **JESUS CHRIST** as we have journeyed to this point in **JOHN'S GOSPEL** looking at the ministry of our **LORD** and **SAVIOUR!**

We have really only scratched the surface of **JESUS, THE SON OF GOD, GOD IN THE FLESH, THE SECOND PERSON OF THE HOLY TRINITY!** There is much more that we will see ahead!

But today I want us to focus in on just the first part of this statement by **JESUS** in *verse 6!* It is another of **HIS "I AM"** statements about **HIMSELF** that we find recorded in **JOHN'S GOSPEL!**

When **JESUS** says here, **"I AM the way, truth, and the life"**, it is another part of **JESUS** revealing **HIMSELF** as **"THE GREAT I AM!"** of the **O.T.!**

Remember when Moses told the **LORD** in *Exodus 3:13*– *"Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? What shall I say unto them?"*

*And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you!*

**JESUS is that GREAT I AM!** He said so in *John 8:58*– *"Verily, verily I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am."*

**JESUS is THE ETERNAL, SELF-EXISTENT ONE!** That name **"I AM"** shows **HIS ETERNAL POWER** and **HIS UNCHANGING NATURE!**

**HE is NOT the GREAT I WAS or the GREAT I WANNA BE or the GREAT I'M GONNA BE ONE DAY, NO!!! HE is THE GREAT I AM!!!**

The **APOSTLE JOHN** reveals to us these **"I AM"** revelations by **CHRIST:**  
*John 5:43*– *"I am come in my Father's name..."*

*John 6:35*– *"And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."*

*John 8:12 - 13*– *"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."*

*John 8:23*– *"And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world."*

*John 10:9*– *"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."*

*John 10:11*– *"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."*

*John 10:36* – *"Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?"*

*John 11:25*– *"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:"*

**We will see another of these "I AM" statements when we get to:**

*John 15:1*– *"I am the True Vine..."*

But in our text for today, *John 14:6*, we see Jesus' revelation of Himself as **THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE!**

Now, I believe what **GOD** would have us to see today is this:

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In a world where societal values, morals, and man's laws change constantly, we can find **STABILITY** and **SECURITY** in our unchanging **GOD** and our **SAVIOUR-THE LORD JESUS CHRIST!**

**"I AM"** denotes **CHRIST'S CONTINUING** in each of these statements!

**That's because JESUS NEVER CHANGES! In fact, the writer of HEBREWS states that fact in:**

*Hebrews 13:8*—*"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."*

**JESUS NEVER CHANGES...SO THAT MEANS THAT JESUS IS STILL THE WAY and HE ALWAYS HAS BEEN THE WAY and HE ALWAYS WILL BE THE WAY!** In the past, in the present, and in the future...**JESUS IS THE WAY!**

**I. SALVATION HAS ALWAYS BEEN AND ALWAYS WILL BE BY THE BLOOD!—THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST!**

*Hebrews 9:22*—*"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission."*

*Leviticus 17:11*—*"For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."*

*1 Peter 1:18-19*—*"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:"*

**II. SALVATION HAS ALWAYS BEEN AND ALWAYS WILL BE THROUGH A PERSON!— THE PERSON OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST!**

**A. In The Old Testament Salvation Was Through A Person—The LORD!**

**JESUS** in the N.T. is the same as the **LORD** in the O.T.!

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1. **Abraham** – *Genesis 15:6*—*"And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness."*

*Hebrews 11:17-19*—*"...he received him in a figure."*

2. **Job** – *Job 19:25-27*—*"For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: 26 And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: 27 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me."*

3. **Jonah** – *Jonah 2:9*—*"Salvation is of the LORD."*

**B. When JESUS Was On This Earth, Salvation Was Through A Person – The LORD! (Matthew 9:1-8)**

*John 3:16-18*—*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. 18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."*

*Matthew 16:16*—*"And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."*

The Samaritan woman at the well who met Jesus:

*John 4:29*—*"Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?"*

**C. When JESUS Died, Was Buried, And Rose Again, Salvation Was Through A Person – The LORD!**

*Acts 2* – **PETER** preached **JESUS** on the day of **PENTECOST** and about 3000 got saved!

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*Acts 4:12*—“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is **none other name** under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

*1 Thessalonians 5:9*—“For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,”

*Hebrews 5:9*—“And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.”

**D. When JESUS Comes Again At The Rapture, Salvation During The Tribulation Will Be Through A Person – The LORD!**

*Revelation 7:13-14*—“And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? 14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white **in the blood of the Lamb.**”

*Revelation 14:13*—“Blessed are the dead which die **in the Lord...**”

**E. When JESUS Comes Again At The SECOND COMING, Salvation Will Be Through A Person – The LORD!**

*Zechariah 12:9-10*—“And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. 10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and **they shall look upon me whom they have pierced**, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.”

**F. When JESUS Reigns During The Millennium, Salvation Will Be Through A Person – The LORD!**

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*(Isaiah 2:2-4; Revelation 20:7-9)*

For years, some will outwardly submit, but inwardly they will be rebels!

**III. SALVATION HAS ALWAYS BEEN AND ALWAYS WILL BE BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH!**

*Grace is unmerited favor!*

*Grace is getting what we don't deserve!*

**A. Old Testament Saints Were Saved By Grace Through Faith!**

**1. Adam And Eve Found Grace Through Faith!**

a. God's Grace Sought Adam!

b. God's Grace Promised Them A Saviour!  
**(Genesis 3:15)**

c. God's Grace Clothed Them!

**2. Abel Found Grace Through Faith!**

*Genesis 4:4*—“And the LORD had respect unto Abel and unto his offering.”

*Hebrews 11:4*—“By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous...”

**3. Enoch Found Grace Through Faith!**

*Genesis 5:24*—“...Enoch walked with God...”

*Hebrews 11:5*—“By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death...for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.”

**4. Noah Found Grace Through Faith!**

*Genesis 6:8*—“Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD...”

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*Hebrews 11:7*—“By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.”

**5. Abraham Found Grace Through Faith!**

*James 2:23*—“Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.”

**6. Every Old Testament Found Grace Through Faith!  
(Hebrews 11)**

**B. New Testament Saints Are Saved By Grace Through Faith!**

**1.** *Ephesians 2:8-9*—“For by grace are ye saved through faith...”

**2.** *Titus 2:11*—“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men”

**C. Tribulation Saints Will Be Saved By Grace Through Faith!**

**D. Millennium Saints Will Be Saved By Grace Through Faith!**

**E. Anyone Who Gets Saved Will Be Saved By Grace Through Faith!**

When **JESUS** cried, “*It is finished!*” it brought about the only payment for sin that was needed! It accomplished **GOD’S** salvation for those in the past, present, and future who had come and would come to **HIM** by faith!

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**Conclusion**

***Salvation Is Always By The Blood!***

*Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?*

***Salvation Is Always Through A Person!***

*John 3:18*—“He that believeth on **him** is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

Have you believed on **JESUS** and what **HE** did for you on the **CROSS**?

***Salvation Is Always By Grace Through Faith!***