

May 19, 2019

“I AM...”

“All That God Promises to Be for You!”

“God replied to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM. Say this to the people of Israel. I AM has sent Me to you.’” Exodus 3:14

“I AM The Alpha and The Omega”

“God Is in Your Past, Your Present, and Your Future”

“‘I am the Alpha and the Omega – the beginning and the end,’ says the Lord God. ‘I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come – the Almighty One.’” Revelation 1:8

### A. Jesus is the great “I AM”...

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.” Revelation 22:13

1. Jesus is the Beginning and the End, the whole of everything; He always existed and always will!

“This is what the LORD says—Israel’s King and Redeemer, the LORD of Heaven’s Armies: ‘I am the First and the Last; there is no other God.’” Isaiah 44:6

“Listen to me, O family of Jacob, Israel My chosen one! I alone am God, the First and the Last.” Isaiah 48:12

2. Before Him, there was nothing and He is from everlasting to everlasting.

“Before the mountains were born, before You gave birth to the earth and the world, from beginning to end, You are God.” Psalm 90:2

“In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.” John 1:1

“So the Word became human and made His home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen His glory, the glory of the Father’s one and only Son.” John 1:14

3. Jesus is the Initiator and Perfector of all things.

“We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the Champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting Him, He endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now He is seated in the place of honor beside God’s throne.” Hebrews 12:2

### B. Jesus forgives our past...

“But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.” 1 John 1:9

1. He forgives our sins and never brings them before us again.

“For His unfailing love toward those who fear Him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.” Psalm 103:11-12

2. Only the enemy brings our past into our present.

“Then I heard a loud voice shouting across the heavens, ‘It has come at last—salvation and power and the Kingdom of our God, and the authority of His Christ. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down to earth—the one who accuses them before our God day and night.’” Revelation 12:10

3. So, we need to put our past behind us.

“But forget all that—it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.” Isaiah 43:18-19

4. In Christ, we are a completely new person!

“This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to Himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to Him.” 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

### C. Jesus desires to work in our present...

“For in Him we live and move and exist. As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are His offspring.’” Acts 17:28

1. Realize that God has placed you in the position you are in to make a difference for the Kingdom!

“Each of you should continue to live in whatever situation the Lord has placed you, and remain as you were when God first called you. This is my rule for all the churches.” 1 Corinthians 7:17

2. Don’t let fear or worry block your light from shining!

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7

3. Let your light shine wherever you are!

“In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.” Matthew 5:16

### D. Jesus is already in our future...

“I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with Me where I am.” John 14:2b-3

1. There is nothing in our future that catches God by surprise. He is already there and has already prepared for that need!

“I am the LORD; that is My name! I will not give My glory to anyone else, nor share My praise with carved idols. Everything I prophesied has come true, and now I will prophesy again. I will tell you the future before it happens.” Isaiah 42:8-9

2. No matter what is ahead...Jesus is not far from us.

“His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward Him and find Him—though He is not far from any one of us.” Acts 17:27

3. God is using all things in our present to prepare us for our future.

*“God has now revealed to us His mysterious will regarding Christ— which is to fulfill His own good plan. And this is the plan: At the right time He will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth. Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for He chose us in advance, and He makes everything work out according to His plan.” Ephesians 1:9-11*

4. God is preparing us for eternity and His coming is soon.

*“But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be found to deserve judgment.” 2 Peter 3:10*

*“He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.” Revelation 21:4*

*“Look! I am creating new heavens and a new earth, and no one will even think about the old ones anymore.” Isaiah 65:17*

*“That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, ‘No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him.’” 1 Corinthians 2:9*

*“It’s not over until God says it’s over. It’s not done until His work is fully and finally done. Don’t lose hope!” –Louie Giglio*

Next week:

May 26: **“I Am Coming Soon”**

*“God is Sending His Son Soon!”*

*“He who is the faithful witness to all these things says, ‘Yes, I AM coming soon! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!’” Revelation 22:20*