The Good News that John Wrote

...that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

John 20.31

Life in the Spirit

Objectives of the Class

- To behold in our hearts the glory of Christ
- To participate more deeply in life in the Spirit
- To become more conformed to His image
- To pray for and encourage one another

Prayer Before Reading Scripture

Shine within our hearts, loving Master, the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend the message of Your Gospel. Instill in us also reverence for Your blessed commandments, so that having conquered all sinful desires, we may pursue a spiritual life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing to You. For You, Christ our God, are the light of our souls and bodies, and to You we give glory together with Your Father who is without beginning and Your all holy, good, and life giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

John 8.21-30

Again Jesus said to them, "I will go away; you will look for me, but you will die in your sin. You cannot go where I am going."

So the Jewish authorities said, "He says that we cannot go where he is going. Does this mean that he will kill himself?"

Jesus answered, "You belong to this world here below, but I come from above. You are from this world, but I am not from this world.

That is why I told you that you will die in your sins. And you will die in your sins if you do not believe that "I Am Who I Am."

The Nine "I am" Sayings of Christ

- 1. "I...am He" (the Messiah). (4.25-26)
- 2. I am the bread of life (6.35)
- 3. I am the light of the world (8.12, 9.4)
- 4. I am the door (10.7,9)
- 5. I am the good shepherd (10.11)
- 6. I am the resurrection and the life (11.25)
- 7. I am the way, the truth, and the life (14.6)
- 8. I am the true vine (15.1, 5)
- 9. Before Abraham was, I am (8.58)

...you will die in your sins if you do not **believe that** "I Am (ἐγώ εἰμί)."



Exo 3.14 God said to Moses, "I Am that I Am."(Ἐγώ εἰμι ὁ ὤν)

Who are you?" they asked him. Jesus answered, "What I have told you from the very beginning.

I have much to say about you, much to condemn you for. The one who sent me, however, is truthful, and I tell the world only what I have heard from him."

They did not understand that Jesus was talking to them about the Father.

So he said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, you will know that 'I Am Who I Am'; then you will know that I do nothing on my own authority, but I say only what the Father has instructed me to say.

And he who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, because I always do what pleases him."

Many who heard Jesus say these things believed in him.

Questions? Comments?