

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: [John 14:1-6](#).
- B. One of the great questions, found in the NT, is, "What must I do to be saved?" (Ac. 16:30). Another great question is asked by Saul of Tarsus, when he was struck down on the road to Damascus. He asked of Jesus, "Who art thou, Lord?"
- C. He probably meant, "Who are you, sir?" This question is answered again and again by Jesus Himself. This lesson and the one tonight will examine the 8 "I am" statements by X.
- D. The eight "I Am" statements of Christ:
Four of the eight are this morning's lesson:
 - 1. "I am the door of the sheep" (Jn. 10:7).
 - 2. "I am the good shepherd" (Jn. 10:11).
 - 3. "I am the resurrection and the life" (Jn. 10:11).
 - 4. "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (Jn. 14:6).Tonight, the four to be taught are:
 - 1. "I am the alpha and the omega" (Rev. 1:8).
 - 2. "I am the bread of life" (Jn. 6:35).
 - 3. "I am the light of the world" (Jn. 8:12).
 - 4. "I am the true vine" (Jn. 15:1).

I. "I AM THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP" (John 10:7).

- A. Only those who enter by X (being the true door) are in His fold (Jn. 10:1).
- B. Jesus opens the door and IS the door:
 - 1. He opens the door of spiritual blessings by His death, burial, and resurrection (Rev. 3:7-8).
 - 2. He becomes the door in His crucifixion so that all may come to Him (Jn. 12:32).
- C. Thieves and robbers may try to justify the end by the means, but only those who live by the door of Jesus, go through it, will be of His fold and enjoy the blessings (Jn. 10:9).
- D. We must open the door of our heart and let X in (Rev. 3:20).

II. "I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD" (John 10:11).

- A. One of the most loving and most tender of analogies of Scripture is that of Jesus as the good shepherd. This analogy is also an expansion of the previous one because the good shepherd would lay down his life for his sheep each night in becoming a type of doorway into the safety of the fold.
- B. The Psalms give reference to the Messiah as a good shepherd:
 - 1. Christ is the good shepherd (Psa. 23:1).
 - 2. The faithful are the sheep of X's pasture (Psa. 79:13).
 - 3. X does give an ear and listen to His sheep (Psa. 80:1).
 - 4. Xians are the sheep of His hand (Psa. 95:7).
- C. Ezekiel speaks of hireling shepherds, and the one true shepherd of Israel who is to come (Ezek. 34:23; 37:24).

III. "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE" (John 11:25).

- A. To believe that Jesus was resurrected from the dead, one must first believe that Jesus is divine.
- B. Jesus had very special power, as a man of destiny and as the Son of God, He had the power to lay down His life and take it back up again (Jn. 10:17,18).
- C. Therefore, Jesus has the power to give life to those who have died (Jn. 5:28-29; 11:43).
- D. Part of the problem with some of the modern religions and other types of teachings is that it only speaks of Xianity in terms of the here and now; happiness and success in this life.

IV. **“I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE” (John 14:1-6).**

- A. Religious services, emotions, rules, regulations or knowledge is not the way to heaven (Prov. 14:12). Jesus is.
- B. Truth is found in Christ. Man cannot see a second into the future. He builds a house, one day before an earthquake; he answers one question and finds that the answer causes him to ask even more questions (1Cor. 1:20).
- C. Jesus is the life, because only in Him do we conquer the final enemy of death (1Cor. 15:54-55).

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. “Who art thou, Lord?” We have seen the following:
 - 1. He is the door of the sheep.
 - 2. He is the good shepherd.
 - 3. He is the resurrection and the life.
 - 4. He is the way, the truth, and the life.
- B. We shall continue this thought in tonight’s lesson.
- C. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring Xians.