



## *E-Mail Newsletter* *Bringing The Word of Life*

"... that you may know that you have eternal life." 1 John 5:13

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### **New Website**

Our new-look website is now online. It has vast resources for you to explore and is very easy to navigate. Have a look and see for yourself. [www.btwol.com](http://www.btwol.com)

### **The Light of the World**



The Light of the World, William Holman Hunt's best-known work, hangs in Keble College in Oxford, England. This painting depicts the artist's concept of the Lord Jesus Christ at the weed-choked door of the human soul. In His left hand is a lantern giving light to a night scene, while with His right hand He is knocking at the door. There is no handle on the door. It could only be opened from within.

Each of us has a soul that will live forever, either in Heaven or in eternal darkness in Hell. The Bible tells us plainly that we are born sinners and practice sin, and as such cannot claim Heaven, God's dwelling place, as our eternal home.

The darkness of not knowing where we will be in eternity can be dispelled because the Light of the world has come. The Lord Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (**John 8:12**). He had no sin of His own, but was nailed to the cross to bear in its darkness the sin of mankind. "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree" (**1Peter 2:24**). Because of the value of His death and shed blood, God is able to freely offer forgiveness to those who receive Him.

As Hunt's painting portrays, you alone have the responsibility of receiving the Saviour. The handle is on your side. The Lord Jesus Christ desires to save. He has made it possible for you to have salvation: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (**John 3:36**).

Won't you consider the entreaty of the Lord Jesus Christ who, with a nail-pierced hand knocks at your heart's door saying, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him" (**Revelation 3:20**).

The artist's depiction of the Saviour included the light that would illuminate any who would open the door. The presence of the Light of the world removes the unknown. He provides assurance and peace for both the present and the future, dispelling fear. To know Christ as your own Lord and Saviour is to have light. Not to know Him is to be in darkness now, with a certain future of eternal darkness in Hell. Are you in the light or in the dark? Receive Him today as your Saviour. Tomorrow may be too late.





A man can no more diminish God's glory by refusing to worship Him than a lunatic can put out the sun by scribbling the word, 'darkness' on the walls of his cell. C.S. Lewis

## **SEVEN "I AM'S" OF JESUS CHRIST Text: John 18:4-9; Exodus 3:14**

As you read the Gospel records, you will easily see the multitudes that followed Jesus.

But are these real followers who personally knew Jesus? You see there is a big difference in being a mere fan of Jesus and a disciple of Jesus. A disciple enjoys a closer walk and relationship with his Lord and Master. On the other hand, a fan has an impersonal relationship and is often unknown by the person he follows and idolizes. Who is Jesus to you? Are you His disciple or are you just His fan? In this study we shall see seven things Jesus said about Himself in the Gospel of John.

### **1. THE BREAD OF LIFE (John 6:35)**

As bread or any food is essential to our physical bodies, so is Jesus to our souls. All that is in the world – wealth, power, luxuries – never satisfy completely. All these are left behind when they bury you in the grave. Without Jesus, the Bread of Life, souls of men will perish from spiritual hunger!

### **2. THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD (John 9:5)**

Until Jesus returns, this old world is in spiritual and moral darkness (**1 John 5:19**). If there is someone quite familiar with darkness, it has to be a blind man. Even if he faces the noonday sun, he will never see a shade of light for his eyes have lost the ability to receive light and see things! Sadly, there are millions of people who see with their physical eyes but are blind to spiritual things. Spiritual blindness is caused by sin and Satan (**2 Cor. 4:4**). It can only be cured by Jesus, the Light of the World. He that abides in Christ shall not walk in darkness but will see the glory of God's kingdom!

### **3. THE DOOR (John 10:9)**

If we are to believe the Bible, it is not St. Peter and his pet rooster that guards the gate of heaven and interviews incoming souls. The truth is that 12 angels guard the 12 gates of the Heavenly City (**Rev. 21:12**). There is no other entrance, no other door to heaven but the Lord Jesus Christ!

### **4. THE GOOD SHEPHERD (John 10:11)**

David said **"The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want"** (**Psa. 23:1**). The good shepherd watches the flock with care. He will give his life for his sheep, if necessary. Are you a sheep of Jesus? **John 10:27-28** makes it clear who the sheep are.

### **5. THE TRUE VINE (John 15:1, 5)**

As the branches cannot live and bear fruit apart from the trunk, even so the believer cannot do anything with success without Christ. Jesus, the True Vine, is the source of all spiritual fruit, blessing, growth, and prosperity.

### **6. THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE (John 11:25)**

Jesus came to seek and to save sinners. He came to give life more abundantly (**John 10:10**). Our life came from God and it will return to God.



Jesus not only has the power to resurrect the dead but He himself IS the Resurrection and the Life! The fact that Jesus mentioned resurrection from the dead proves that physical death and the grave are not the end but rather just the beginning! Where will you spend eternity?

## 7. THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE (John 14:6)

There are NOT many ways to Heaven; but there are so many ways leading to death and hell

(**Prov. 16:25**). There is only one truth – the word of God (Jesus and the Holy Bible) not religion. Salvation and eternal life are found in the person and complete work of Jesus Christ! They can be our possession only by God’s gracious free gift (**Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 6:23**).

Anyone who disregards these words of Jesus will be lost, live in untruth, and will perish forever in hell.

**Conclusion:** Who is Jesus to you? Are you His disciple or are you just a fan? If unsure of the answer, you can be a sheep of Jesus, His disciple. It all begins by truly repenting of your sins and having faith in the Person and finished work of Jesus at Calvary. That is the road to salvation my friend. *Rodelio Mallari*



## Inscription on Lübeck Cathedral – Germany



Ye call Me Master and obey Me not.  
Ye call Me Light and see Me not.  
Ye call Me Way and walk Me not.  
Ye call Me Life and choose Me not.  
Ye call Me Wise and follow Me not.  
Ye call Me Fair and love Me not.  
Ye call Me Rich and ask me not.

Ye call Me Eternal and seek Me not.  
Ye call Me Noble and serve Me not.  
Ye call Me Gracious and trust Me not.  
Ye call Me Might and honor Me not.  
Ye call Me Just and fear Me not.  
If I condemn you, blame Me not.



## Only a Little Thing

It was only a tiny seed,  
Carelessly brushed aside;  
But it grew in time to a noxious weed,  
And spread its poison wide.

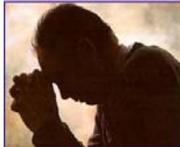
It was only a little leak,  
So small you could hardly see;  
But the rising waters found the break,  
And wrecked the great levee.

It was only a single spark,  
Dropped by a passing train;  
But the dead leaves caught, and swift and dark  
Was its work on wood and plain.

It was only a thoughtless word,  
Scarcely meant to be unkind;  
But it pierced as a dart to the heart that heard,  
And left its sting behind.

It may seem a trifle at most,  
The things that we do or say,  
And yet it may be that at fearful cost  
We may wish it undone some day.

*Mrs. M. P. Handy*



### **Point to Ponder**

*Because the sinless Saviour died / My sinful soul is counted free /  
For God the just is satisfied / To look on Him and pardon me.*

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