**R815 - Rumination for Sept. 13, 2020 by K.C. Ung**

The **T**heme: **I am the Light**[berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)

The **T**ext: *As long as I AM in the world,* ***I am the Light of the world.***Jn. 9:5

The **T**hots:

1. **The Declarations of Christ.**
2. Jesus is the Light of the World

*Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying,* ***I AM*** *the Light of the world:* Jn. 8:12a

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1. The **P**erson of Jesus.
2. God is the **I AM** – Exo. 3:14

*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.*

1. Jesus is the **I AM** – *Jesus said…Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was,* ***I AM****.* Jn. 8:58
2. Jesus Identified Himself as the **I AM**. Jn. 18:4-6

*Jesus…said unto them, Whom seek ye? They answered Him, Jesus of Nazareth.*

*Jesus saith unto them,* ***I AM*** *[He]. As soon then as He had said unto them,* ***I AM*** *[He],*

*they went backward, and fell to the ground.*

Seven times in John’s Gospel Jesus claims to be the **I AM**:

1. **6:35 *-******I am*** *the bread of life:*
2. **8:12 *-******I am*** *the light of the world:*
3. **10:9 *- I am*** *the door:*
4. **10:11 *- I am*** *the good shepherd:*
5. **11:25 *- I am*** *the resurrection, and the life:*
6. **14:6 *- I am*** *the way, the truth, and the life:*
7. **15:1 *- I am*** *the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.*
8. Jesus is God, the **I AM**:
	* *Jesus said…Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was,* ***I AM.***Jn. 8:58
	* *I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins:*

*for if ye believe not that* ***I AM*** *[He], ye shall die in your sins.* Jn. 8:24

1. The **P**romise of Jesus: Jn. 8:12b

*He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the* ***L****ight of* ***L****ife.*

1. Jesus’ followers are the Lights of the **W**orld - *Ye are the light of the* ***W****orld.*  Matt. 5:14
2. They are to **W**ork in the Light: *Let your light so shine before men,*

*that they may see your good* ***W****orks, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.* Matt. 5:16

1. They are to **W**alk in the Light: I Jn. 1:7
2. *But if we* ***W****alk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another,*

*and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

1. *Ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye* ***L****ight in the* ***L****ord:* ***W****alk as children of* ***L****ight.* Eph. 5:8
2. **Darkness and Light Contrasted.**
3. The **S**inner **D**wells in **D**arkness; the **S**aint has the **L**ight of **L**ife: Jn. 8:12
4. *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.*

1. *For ye were sometimes* ***darkness****, but now are ye* ***light*** *in the* ***L****ord: walk as children of* ***light****.* Eph. 5:*8*

1. Walk in the **D**ark, one **S**tumbles; **W**alk in the **D**ay, one **S**ees the **W**ay.

*If any man walk in the day, he* ***S****tumbleth not, because he* ***S****eeth the light of this world.*

*But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.* Jn. 11:10

1. The **W**arning to **W**alk **W**hile there is Light: Jn. 12:35

*Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you.*

***W****alk* ***W****hile ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you:*

*for he that* ***W****alketh in darkness knoweth not* ***W****hither he goeth.*

Con.:

As *a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people* at the Lord’s Supper this day*,*

Let us*…****P****roclaim the* ***P****raises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.* I Pet. 2:9, NKJV

*The whole world was lost In the darkness of sin,*

*The Light of the world is Jesus!*

*Like sunshine at noonday, His glory shone in.*

*The Light of the world is Jesus!*

*No darkness have we Who in Jesus abide;*

*99The Light of the world is Jesus!*

*We walk in the light When we follow our Guide!*

 *The Light of the world is Jesus!* Philip P. Bliss

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 815**

1. **The Light of the World**

As George Matheson said, "Christ has illuminated the world, not by what He did, but by what He was; His life is the Light of Men. We speak of a man's life-work; the work of Jesus was His life itself. . . . It is good to be told that the pure in heart shall see God, but the vision of heaven in a pure man's face outweighs it all. They tell us that the Easter morning has revealed His glory; rather would I say that His glory has revealed the Easter morning. It is not resurrection that has made Christ; it is Christ that has made resurrection. To those who have seen His beauty, even Olivet can add no certainty; the light of immortality is as bright on His Cross as on His Crown. 'I am the resurrection' are His own words about Himself—not 'I teach,' not 'I cause,' not 'I predict,' but '**I am**.' "

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Likewise, “I AM the Light of the World” are not words about Himself – *not 'I teach,' not 'I cause,' not 'I predict,' but* ***'I am.'*** *"*  Yes, Jesus is the unique I AM, that is why He can claim that He is the Only Light of the World, as He does with these unique words:

*Jesus saith unto him,* ***I am*** *the way, the truth, and the life:* ***no man*** *cometh unto the Father, but by Me.* (Jn. 14:6)

Peter himself testified in his great sermon at Pentecost: Acts 4:10, 12

*Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by Him doth this man stand here before you whole...Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved..* (Acts 4:12)

And the writer to the book of Hebrews challenged and warned his readers in Heb. 2:3 –

*How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him?*

Indeed can one ever be able to say with all these unique claims of the Lord Himself and of Himself that all religions are the same and all roads lead to Rome?

Jesus is the Great I AM, believest thou this?

*Therefore I told you that you will die in your sins. For if you do not believe that* ***I AM*** *⌊He⌋, you will die in your sins.” (*John 8:24, HCSB)

Do you believe that Jesus is God, the **I AM**? **REFLECT.**

1. **Psalm 27:1 –**

*The LORD is my* ***L****ight and my* ***S****alvation; whom shall I fear?* He is my **S**alvation*.*

*The LORD is the* ***S****trength of my* ***L****ife; of whom shall I be afraid?* He is my **S**ustenance.

In these days of Covid\_19 **P**andemic, is not the above **P**romise of the Lord’s **P**rovision and **P**rotection a great Assurance to **A**ll of us? **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:** *He is the* ***L****ight of the* ***W****orld;*

*He not only* ***L****ights your* ***W****ay,*

 *He* ***L****ightens the* ***W****eight of* ***W****orries on you too –*

 *Just read His* ***W****ord and* ***L****et Him* ***L****ead you on.9*