

"I am"

of the Gospel of John - Part 2

"I am" and God's Sheep

- The **door** for the sheep – Jn. 10:7-10
 - One must enter God's fold through Jesus, where salvation and abundant life are found
 - All shepherds who came before were thieves and robbers seeking harm – Lk. 11:39; Jer. 23:1-4
- The **good Shepherd** of the sheep – 10:11-15
 - Here Jesus contrasted Himself with the Jewish leaders.
 - These are exhortations and warnings to God's shepherds – Acts 20:28-31

"I am" and God's Vineyard

- Jesus is the **vine**, and we are the branches – Jn. 15:1-5
- Note the contrast between Jesus' vine and the condition of Israel as God's vineyard – Isa. 5:1-4; Matt. 21:33-44
- Jesus is the **true vine** that will produce good, acceptable fruit to God for those who remain in Him

"I am" and God

- Jesus is "I AM" – Jn. 8:58
 - Jesus is the God revealed to Moses – Ex. 3:13-14
 - Jesus was claiming to be **Yahweh, Jehovah**, the eternal, timeless God who IS, *in the flesh* – Jn. 1:1-3; Phil. 2:5-8
- Jesus is God's Son – Jn. 10
 - The Jews demanded that He tell them if He is the Christ – Jn. 10:24-31
 - Jesus responds not with conciliatory words, but by acknowledging His claim to be "the son of God" – Jn. 10:34-39; Psa. 82:6; Acts 2:22
 - The scriptures cannot be broken – Rev. 2:10; 12:11

Conclusion

- Consider how:
 - You cannot be saved or enter heaven without obeying Jesus – Jn. 14:6
 - Jesus loves you so much that he left heaven and died the excruciating death of the cross to draw you to Him – Jn. 12:32
 - By coming to Jesus, you are given the gift of the resurrection to eternal life – Jn. 11:25-26
- Do you believe this?
- You must prove it by obedience of faith in repenting, confessing Christ, and being baptized into Christ to be forgiven of your sins!