

# **The Revelation of Jesus Christ & His Seven “I AM” Statements**

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**Bible Reading: John 1: VV1- 9**

**This marvellous passage is one of the summits of Scripture. In fact, it rises to the highest level of human thought. It is the life-giving declaration that Jesus Christ, the Son of God is:**

- 1. The Word of God,**
- 2. the creator of life, and**
- 3. the very being and essence of life.**

**As believers, we must think deeply about these three truths, in order to understand their meaning and as to what God is revealing to us. In these verses, John the Apostle gives his First-Witness of Christ.**

- 1. Christ is eternal(vv1-2) : (a) Pre-existent—always existed  
(b) Coexistent—always with God  
(c) Self-existent—is God, possessing God’s very nature,  
but is a distinct person.**
- 2. Christ is the Creator (v3) : (a) He created all things  
(b) Nothing was created apart from  
Christ**
- 3. Christ is Life (vv4-5): (a) He is the source of light  
(b) He is the answer to darkness.  
1) Shines in darkness  
2) Conquers/triumph darkness**

**Verse 9 further tells us that Christ--the light is “The true light” and His mission is “To give light to people”.**

**CHRIST IS THE TRUE LIGHT (V9a).**

**Christ is “the true light”. What does this mean? It means that Jesus Christ is what other individuals are not. Others may claim to be the light of humanity, but their thoughts are only false imaginations. Christ alone is the true light. Christ is to humanity what light is to the world and Christ did for man what light does for our world.**

- 1. Light is clear, pure, clean and good. So is Christ (Eph 5:8)**
- 2. Light penetrates. It cuts through and eliminates darkness. So does Christ**
- 3. Light enlightens. It enlarges one’s vision and knowledge. So does Christ**
- 4. Light reveals. It opens up the truth of an area, a whole new world and life. It cleans up the way to the truth & life. So does the Christ (John 14:6).**
- 5. Light guides. It keeps us from groping and grasping about in the dark, trying to find our way. It directs the way to go, and leads along the right path. So does Christ (John 12:36, 46).**
- 6. Light exposes and strips away darkness. So does Christ (John 3:19-20).**
- 7. Light calms/conquers/ends the chaos. So does Christ (Genesis 1:2-3).**
- 8. Light discriminates between the right way and the wrong way. So does Christ (Ephesians 5:8-10).**
- 9. Light warns. It warns of dangers that lie ahead in our path. So does Christ.**
- 10. Light protects. It keeps us from tripping, stumbling, falling and injuring ourselves and losing our life. So does Christ.**

### **HIS MISSION: To GIVE LIGHT TO PEOPLE (V9b).**

The mission of Christ is to give light to people. Note that He gives light to every human being. How does He do this?

**FIRST**, Christ gives light to people through natural revelation, the creation and order of the universe. Scripture declares that nature reveals the existence, power and truth of God. {Acts 14:17; Romans 1:20; Psalm 19:1 and Psalm 97:6}

**SECOND**, Christ gives light by giving good gifts to us. Every good thing we receive comes from above—the Father of lights. God’s goodness to us enlightens us to the truth that He loves us and cares for us. {James 1:17}.

**THIRD**, Christ gives light through God’s Word. The Lord has revealed Himself and His truth to us through Scripture, the inspired inerrant written record He has given us by His Spirit. { @-Peter 1:19; Psalm 19:8; Ps119:105; Ps 119:30}.

### **BELIEVERS TO REMEMBER**

Light is one of the great words of Scripture.

1. God is Light and in Him there is no darkness at all (1-John 1:5)

2. Jesus Christ is the Light of the world—the very embodiment/expression of the heavenly light (John 8:12 & 9:5)
3. The Light of the knowledge of God is seen in the face of Jesus Christ (2-Corinthians 4:6)
4. Jesus Christ gives Light to everyone who comes to the world (John 1:9)
5. Believers are said to become “Children of light” through belief in the Light-Jesus Christ Himself (John 12:36)
6. Believers have been transformed from the dominion of darkness into the Kingdom of Christ, the inheritance of light (Colossians 1:13)
7. Before they come to Christ, believers are not only in darkness but are representation and expression of darkness. But when they accept Christ, believers are placed in the Light and become an embodiment of the Light itself (Ephesians 5:8)
8. Believers are the Light of the World (Matthews 5:14-16)
9. Believers are to set their light on a candlestick to make their light conspicuous that is: evident/obvious/noticeable/easily seen (Matthews 5:15)

May the good Lord Jesus help every believer to shine for Him and bring Glory & Honour to our Triune God.....Amen

