

Hillcrest CHURCH of CHRIST

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I AM WHO I AM

By Jonathan Tribbey

Today, the United States of America has many traffic rules for us to follow. For example, when driving a car there are certain signs for us to obey. There are stop signs, which tell us to stop, and there are speed limit signs, which tell us how fast we can go on roads. In Exodus 3:14 God says, "I AM WHO I AM", so we have to obey rules that God gives us.

Jesus says in John 14: 6, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." This is a strong statement to make. Is Jesus truly the way, the truth, and the life? First of all, He calls himself the way. This is true, as Jesus is the only way to salvation. We cannot go to heaven any other way except through Jesus. This is said in Acts 4:12, "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved," and in John 11: 25 through 26, "Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." These two verses are great examples of how we know that Jesus is the way to salvation and eternal life.

The second part of the verse that he says is, I am the truth. This means that Jesus is the true Son of God who came to this earth to die on the cross for our sins. A verse that shows how Jesus is the truth is John 1:14, "And the word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth."

The last thing Jesus talks about himself is being the life. He died on the cross for our sins knowing that when he died, we could have a hope of eternal life in heaven someday. He gave his life for ours and in this way he is the life. Some verses that show how Jesus is the life is John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." This verse goes hand in hand with God saying, "I AM WHO I AM." God knew what he was doing when he sent his only Son to die for our sins. God does not make mistakes. Romans 6: 23 says, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord," and I John 5:20b says, "This is the true God and eternal life."

In Exodus 3:14 God says, "I AM WHO I AM." He has given us a choice to make and if we follow all of God's commandments, then we have the hope of eternal life through Jesus, who is the way to heaven, God's true and only Son.

Note: Jonathan and Emma wrote these articles in conjunction with this year's Lads to Leaders theme, "I Am". We're proud of both of them. Emma's won third place.

Know That I am God

By Emma Tribbey

Ehyeh asher ehyeh. I am who I am. God spoke these five words to Moses in Exodus 3:14 when Moses expressed doubt about going to Egypt and freeing the Israelites. Often, like Moses, many people in today's society question God's plan for them when life does not seem to be headed in the right direction. Why do they question God? Does God give us reason to doubt him? Absolutely not. In fact, the Bible is overflowing with reminders that God will *always* be with us, even when this physical life is rough.

Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still, and know that I am God," and Isaiah 41:10 states, "fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right." God is the one in whom we should confide and trust. He will always be listening; waiting and watching for his precious children to confide in Him. He is our protector (Psalm 18:2), our redeemer (Isaiah 43:11), our comforter (II Corinthians 1:3-5), and our creator (Isaiah 44:24). No one will ever know or understand us like God does. However, the world has hardened man's hearts, and many do not desire a relationship with Him. Instead, they turn to physical things for comfort. These items will grant temporary comfort, but only in God will one find "peace...which surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7).

The only way to obtain this everlasting peace is through Jesus, God's son. God sent Jesus to earth as a man to proclaim the truth and extend an invitation to spend eternity in Heaven with God. Jesus told his disciples in John 14:6 that "I [Jesus] am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." How exactly does one "come to the Father" through Jesus? (continued on next page)

Elders

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His own people, eager to do what is good – Titus 2:14



Pam Babb, Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Ed and Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Glen Crumbliss, Eli Dodson, Joe Freund, Tim Hayes, Wilma Hill, Cheryl Neilans, Angel Rivera, Scott Swope, Edith Toney, Bobbie Tuggle, Ruth Ann Wilson.

Sympathy: Our hearts are saddened with the passing of David Hofer this morning. Our deepest thoughts are with Cora and their family and friends.

Sympathy: We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Gary Neilans. He passed away yesterday.



Every "One" Counts: Remember when you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need, often a local family. The money this week went to a local family who lost their house in a fire. If you know someone who needs immediate help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

Loralai Yost won first place in Lads to Leaders with her PowerPoint presentation on the Lord's Supper. The slides will be scrolling before and after services Wednesday night. Take a look!

Bob Murray's Wednesday night class, room 21 begins a new study of the "**Beauties of Brotherhood**" tomorrow.

Men's Breakfast is this Thursday at 7:00 at Braum's. Come for breakfast and fellowship.

Friday is the annual **PreK-Kindergarten Round-Up** from 9-10 a.m. at Neosho Christian School Those who have children turning 4 by August 1 for PreK or 5 by August 1 for Kindergarten are invited to come and make plans for next year. See bulletin board for details.

The wedding of **Heather Cobb** and **Tony Flint** is this Saturday at 2:00.



This Sunday's Sermons:

AM: *Grow!*
(Danny Boggs)
P.M: Tri-State Youth Series:
Faith as A Shield Against Worry
(Danny Boggs)

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, May 5

- AM Opening: Pete Babb
- AM Closing: Elijah Boggs
- PM Opening: Eldon Morgan
- PM Closing: Ethan Murray

Wednesday, May 8

- Opening: Noah Reiboldt
- Closing: Harold Speir

Everyone is invited to a **potluck and wedding shower** for Melissa Johnson and Nate Miller after morning services this Sunday. The couple is registered at Amazon, Walmart, Target and Bed, Bath, & Beyond.

Sunday we host the **Tri-State Youth Series**. Please make some **homemade cookies** for the area teens to enjoy. Drop them off in the activities center. There will be a special table set up for them.

May 15 is the date for our next **Third Wednesday Family Meal**. Sign up on the board in the foyer and be treated to a sub and chip meal.

Kaden King graduates from Neosho High School in May. He and his family invite everyone to a come and go celebration on May 19 from 2:00-4:00 in the activities center. Please let Angela know if you plan to attend either in person, at queen43kings@gmail.com, or 439-3216.

If you or your child are **graduating** this spring, please let us know in the office.

Good Work! Thanks to our recent generous giving, we made a \$10,000 payment on our activities center, and the balance has shrunk to \$44,862.63.

Dear Friends,

We want to thank you for the kindness you all have shown to our family. Words can not express how thankful we are for each of you!

*In Christian Love,
Josh, Cheryl, Jason & Eli Dodson*

continued from the front:

First, one must hear the Word, like it is stated in Romans 10:17: "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." Hearing gives one a foundation to build a relationship with God. Next, one has to fully believe the Word, "so that... by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31). Third, we have to repent of past sins (Acts 17:30). One repents by shutting away old sins and completely changing in order to become closer to God. Fourth, a confession is needed (Romans 10:8-10). By confessing to previously committed sins, one is further strengthening their new relationship with God. Finally, baptism by full immersion is required. In Acts 2:38, Peter spoke at Pentecost, saying, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins..." However, baptism in Christ is not the final step. One must remain a faithful Christian because, like Jesus stated in Matthew 7:21, "Not everyone who says to me 'Lord, Lord' will enter the kingdom of heaven..."

Ehyeh asher ehyeh. I am who I am. God is who he is. Our God is almighty, all-powerful, and all-knowing, but He is also merciful, loving, and kind. He extended "grace...through faith (Ephesians 2:8)" to us, so that one day we might have the opportunity to live in Heaven.

RECORDS	04-28-19	04-29-18
Bible Study	151	128
AM Worship	193	182
PM Worship	116	130
Wednesday	130	113
Contribution	\$8,588.00	\$15,511.18
Budget	\$7,717.37	\$7,630.58