Agape House of Worship
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Study Series: The Great I AM - The I Am Statements
Part 3: I AM the Light of the World **Teacher: Nike Akoh**

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1	Introduction: The Revelation of the Great I AM	Exodus 3:14; John 8:58
2	I AM the Bread of Life	John 6:25–40
3	**I AM the Light of the World**	**John 8:12–20**
4	I AM the Door	John 10:1–10
5	I AM the Good Shepherd	John 10:11–18
6	I AM the Resurrection and the Life	John 11:17–27
7	I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life	John 14:1–11
8	I AM the True Vine	John 15:1–8

I. Introduction: When Light Comes

John 8:12 — "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life."

The Bible begins with darkness covering the earth. God's first recorded command was, "Let there be light" (Genesis 1:3). Before He brought order, fruitfulness, and fullness, He introduced light. This establishes a spiritual principle: what God wants to transform, He first brings into His light.

Jesus does not merely have light or point towards it. He declares, "I AM the Light of the world." He is God's answer to spiritual darkness, revealing truth, exposing what is hidden, and giving direction.

The **Holy Spirit,** the Spirit of Truth, takes what belongs to Christ and reveals it to us. Jesus is the Light we follow; the Holy Spirit illuminates our hearts so that we can see, understand, and walk in His Light John 16: 13-14 ***But*** *when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth [full and complete truth]. For He will not speak on His own initiative, ... He hears [from the Father—the message regarding the Son],* ***14*** *He will glorify and honor Me, because He (the Holy Spirit) will take from what is Mine and will disclose it to you.* Jesus is the Light. The Holy Spirit reveals that Light within us, opening our understanding to the truth, thoughts, purposes, and direction of God.

The expression "light of life" shows that the light Jesus gives is not mere information; it is His own life overcoming the darkness within us. His declaration also recalls the pillar of fire that guided Israel through the wilderness: **the God who once led His people by fire now reveals Himself in Christ as the Light of the world.**

II. Jesus Is the Light (John 1:4–9)

John 1:4 — "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men."

Biblically, light speaks of life, truth, holiness, revelation, and the presence of God. We may possess information and still lack illumination. Jesus not only changes our circumstances; He changes what we see and how we see it. Light does not only help us see what is around us; it enables us to distinguish what is true from what is false and what is of God from what merely appears attractive. Illumination is therefore essential to spiritual discernment.

- What was hidden becomes visible.
- What was confusing becomes clearer.
- What was false is exposed by truth.
- The next step becomes discernible.

When God gives me light, I can walk differently even before my circumstances change. Question:

Question: Does anyone have an example of this?

III. Light Exposes in Order to Transform (John 8:1–11)

The woman caught in adultery was brought before Jesus in shame. Yet the Light exposed not only her sin but also the hearts of her accusers. Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more" (John 8:11).

Christ does not excuse darkness, but He does not expose us merely to condemn us. He brings our motives, fears, compromises, wounds, relationships, and ambitions into the light so that we can be forgiven, healed, and transformed. We cannot surrender what we refuse to see, and we cannot experience transformation in areas we insist on keeping in darkness. The enemy exposes to shame and paralyse; Christ exposes in order to forgive, restore, and lead us into righteousness. His light is both searching and healing.

Question: *Is there an area of my life that I have allowed to remain in the shadows?*

IV. The Holy Spirit Reveals the Light of Christ

John 16:13–14 — "When He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth… He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you." Jesus is the Light, and the Holy Spirit opens our hearts to know Him and walk in His light. The Holy Spirit reveals Christ, brings the Scriptures alive to us, and helps us understand the things of God.

1 Corinthians 2:9–10 — "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard… But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit."

We often quote, "eye has not seen," without continuing to the promise: "But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit." There are things we cannot perceive with our natural eyes or discover by human reasoning alone. The Spirit searches the deep things of God and knows the heart, thoughts, and purposes of God.

Through the Word, prayer, and fellowship with God, the Holy Spirit brings revelation, conviction, discernment, wisdom, understanding, and direction. He may bring a Scripture to our remembrance, speak conviction within our hearts, clarify the next step, or help us discern what God is doing in a season. Every impression must remain anchored in Scripture and the revelation of Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit may also open our perception to spiritual realities that natural sight cannot discern. As in 2 Kings 6:17, Then Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes and let him see!" The LORD opened the young man's eyes, and when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire. Gehazi's eyes were opened and he could see the myriads of warrior angels all around him; the reality may already be present, but we need God to open our eyes to see from His perspective. *Ephesians 1:17–18 — "…the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened…"*

Our fellowship with God includes listening. We must remain attentive to the Holy Spirit and respond to what He reveals through the Word. We hear and receive more light when we position ourselves with spiritual alertness, intimacy with God. Habakkuk 2:1 [Oh, I know, I have been rash to talk out plainly this way to God!] I will [in my thinking] stand upon my post of observation and station myself on the tower *or* fortress and will watch to see what He will say within me and what answer I will make [as His mouthpiece] to the perplexities of my complaint against Him. Yet spiritual attentiveness is not the pursuit of impressions for their own sake. The Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus, agrees with Scripture, and produces truth, holiness, humility, and obedience. His voice will never lead us away from the character or written Word of God.

V. Light Must Be Followed!

Jesus attaches the promise to a response: "He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness." In Exodus 13:21–22, God led Israel through the wilderness by a pillar of fire at night "to give them light." They did not know the whole journey; they knew what to follow.

Psalm 119:105 — "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

A lamp does not necessarily reveal the whole road. It gives enough light for the next step. What God reveals calls for a response, and the light He gives calls for obedience. We cannot continually ask God to show us more while refusing to walk in what He has already shown us. *I do not need to see the whole road when I am following the Light.* Often, clarity increases as we obey: the light received for today prepares us for the light needed tomorrow. Delayed obedience can leave us standing at the point where God last gave direction.

VI. We Are Reflectors of the Light

Jesus declares, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12), and then tells His disciples, "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). We are not the source of the light; we are carriers and reflectors of His Light. As the Spirit illuminates us, Christ should increasingly become visible through our holiness, love, integrity, wisdom, courage, and obedience.

Isaiah 60:1 — "Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you."

Darkness is still present in Isaiah 60:2, yet God commands His people to arise and shine. Darkness is not our cue to retreat; it is our call to shine. The presence of darkness is not proof that light has failed; it is the setting in which light becomes unmistakable. We shine not through self-display, but by making the life and character of Christ visible.

VII. Closing Questions and Prayer

- *What is Christ presently exposing, clarifying, or illuminating in your life?*
- *What has the Holy Spirit revealed through God's Word or spoken within your heart that now requires prayer, obedience, or a change of direction?*
- *Where is God calling us to carry or reflect His light more deliberately in our homes, church, workplaces, and assignments?*

Prayer: Father, thank You for Jesus, the Light of the world. Holy Spirit, open the eyes of our understanding. Illuminate Your Word and reveal the heart, thoughts, and purposes of God to us. Expose what must change, bring clarity where there is confusion, and give us discernment for our lives and assignments. Teach us to recognize Your leading and give us grace to obey the light You have already given. *We declare that we will not walk in darkness, but we have the light of life!!! because we follow Jesus.*

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