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JESUS' 7 "I AM" IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
THE NECESSITIES OF SPIRITUAL LIFE

(John 1:1 – 11)

INTRODUCTION

"Necessity" - essential; required; vital; indispensable; needed; necessary.

Jesus presents Himself as a **necessity for spiritual life** in the "I am" phrases in the gospel of John.

1. (John 6:48) "I am the bread of life"

Physically: eat all the Orowheat on the shelf, and you still die.

Spiritually: (v57-58) "... so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me ...
He who eats this bread will live forever."

2. (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."

(John 1:4) "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men"

(John 12:46) "I have come as a light into the world, that whosoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness."

3. (John 10:7) "I say to you, I am the door of the sheep."

(v9) "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved ... "

(Acts 4:12) "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

4. (John 10:11) "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep"

We need "the good shepherd" - (Isaiah 53:6) "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, everyone, to his own way."

(Jeremiah 10:23) "O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps."

Jesus gave His life - (Hebrews 9:28) "Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many ... "
Hymn #354 I Gave My Life for Thee

5. (John 11:25-26) "Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he die, he shall live ... Do you believe this?"

6. (John 14:6) "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

"Way" (Luke 6:46); "truth" (John 8:31-32); "life" (1 John 5:11-12)

7. (John 15:1) "I am the true vine"

(v4) "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the **branch cannot** bear fruit of itself, **neither can you**, unless you abide in Me" Note the **"necessity"** in this.