Tenets of the Christian Faith

Deity Of Christ (I AM)

Week 3

Historical Progression

In John 8:56-58 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw and was glad.

The Jews therefore said to Him, You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham? Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.

The phrase I am means He always existed.

I am in the Greek is ego eimi and it cannot be correctly rendered as anything except I am.

The Jews understood His use of ego eimi to be the same as when used by the Father, as evidenced by the fact that they sought to kill him when He said it.

On a number of occasions Jesus refers to himself by using I am.

For example:

John 6:35 Jesus said I am the bread of life.

John 6:41 I am the bread that came down out of heaven.

John 6:51 I am the living bread.

John 8:12 I am the light of the world.

John 8:18 I am He who bears witness to Myself.

John 10:7 I am the door of the sheep.

John 10:14 I am the good shepherd.

John 11:25 I am the resurrection and the life.

John 14:6 I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

John 15:1 I am the true vine.

Those are the ten I AM of the Gospel of John and of course ten represents the number of completions of the divine order and The Lord Jesus Christ was completely identifying Himself as the great I am.