**I AM – What’s in the Name?**

**What is in a Name? / What does your name mean?**

Examples:

Christopher – Greek: means “to bear, to carry” “carrier of Christ” “Christ Like”

Χριστόφορος

Christóforos

Jesus – Greek: means/transliteration of the Hebrew Yeshua, Jeshua, or Joshua, or again Jehoshua, **meaning** "Jehovah is salvation."

Ιησούς

Iisoús

/ Jesus in Hebrew – means “to deliver, to rescue” ישו

**Some names from the Bible:**

Adam names his wife Eve, because she is mother of all the living (Genesis 3:20).

God changes Abram’s name to Abraham to show that he had made him the father of many nations (Genesis 17:5).

God changed Sarai’s name to Sarah (Genesis 17:15).

He changed Jacob’s name to Israel (Genesis 32:28).

And when the Son of God came into the world, his name was not left to chance: “You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21).

God in the OT – YHWH / LORD (used 6,828 times in OT)

God in the OT – Elohim / El

**Read Exodus 3:13-15 (slides)**

1. In verse 14, God says, I AM WHO I AM.
2. In verse 14, God says, I AM has sent me to you.
3. In verse 15, God says, Yahweh . . . has sent me to you . . . this is my name forever.

The Importance of God’s Name:

1. **God Exists**

Have you ever seen the President of the US?

Have you ever met the Queen of England?

Have you ever met the Pilot who was flying the plane you were own?

1. **All Reality Comes from Him**

All DNA, blood, trees, pupils, eye lashes, matter, neurons, and EVERYTHING comes from God. God is defined simply as “I AM”

Isaiah 40:28 says, “Yahweh is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary.”

1. **Objective vs Subjective**

People often think subjectively – according to how we feel and respond to situations with emotions. So – we often see truth as being subjective.

If we feel it or see it then we know it is true?

How do we know hurt is real? (cause when someone hurts us we FEEL it)

Hebrews 13:8 - **8**Jesus Christ **is**the same yesterday and today and forever.

This is an Objective Truth based on some hard fact. It is not influenced by culture or opinion. This is not influenced by someone’s feelings.

Its Not – “Well my brother/sister says God is real – so I feel he must be real”

We have to make God objective – He is FACT. God made us emotional beings – but he also made objective truth from which we have to accept him.

1. **God Changes us – We don’t change God**

What is something you learned from your parents/guardian?

Who did they learn it from?

Can we all agree that we are a creation? That trees, feet, apples, nails, coffee, cake, and beets are a creation?

BOOM – we just proved God…. You can’t have a creation without a creator. We learn from God as he created and intends. We can’t change the creator. We can’t change that my dad learned “It wasn’t raining when Noah built the Ark” from his dad/bible… Then he taught it to me,…. I’ve taught it to my kids…. I’m sharing it with you… It is not my trademark or idea, but an idea from the creator that he intended for us to learn – his objective truth applied to us – but we see it subjectively so many times

1. **God can come close to us through his son Jesus Christ**

How do we know Jesus is truly God’s son and part of the trinity?

We must look objectively at what Jesus says

John 8:48-59

Isaiah 43:10 – ending verse

There was no god before Him – there is no god after him. We shall have no others idols or Gods that are put before him in our lives. He is the I AM…. Who chose us, formed us, changes us, and gives us the ability to know him through Jesus Christ.

Therefore let your faith be Objective and Subjective. Know it as truth based on what God says and let it guide your emotions and create who you are in God alone!