

Jesus is the second person of the Trinity, making Him equal with God. How does scripture prove this?

John 8:58: "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

Col 1:15-16: "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him."

Col. 2:9: "For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily."

1Cor. 8:6: "There is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live."

John 5:18: "Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God."

And the purpose of Christ, God in the flesh, to come to us who believe is:

John 10:28: "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand."

The reason the apostle Thomas said in John 20:28: "My Lord and my God!"

Do I understand that Jesus is much more than a man, that He is God who came in the flesh to save us?

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I said, "I AM the Son of God"

John 10:36

***"I came forth from the Father
and have come into the
world. Again, I leave the
world and go to the Father."***

John 16:28

Here are scriptures proclaiming that Jesus Christ is the Son of God:

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."

1John 5:20: "And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ."

Mat 14:33: "Those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

And the purpose is:

John 1:12: "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name."

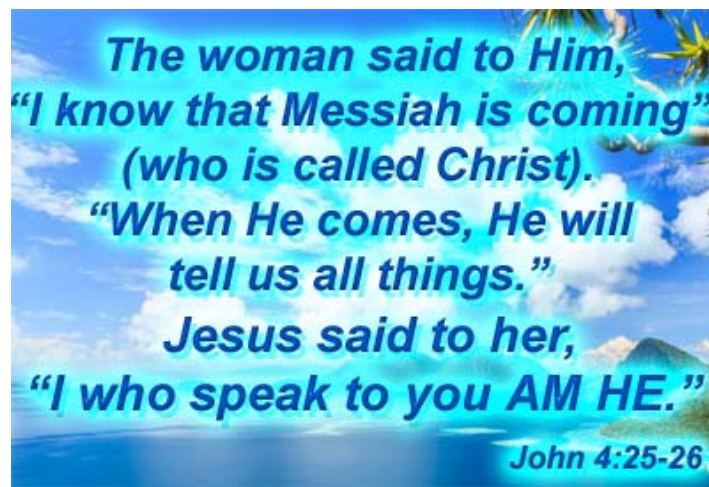
John 20:31: "These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name."

John 5:23: "That all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him."

Gal. 2:20: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Do I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and therefore live to follow Him?

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Scripture affirms that Jesus is called the Messiah, the Christ, the Savior, and so it was prophesied and confirmed through His life, His miracles.

Luke 2:10-11: Then the angel said to them, "There is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Mark 14:61-62: "The high priest asked Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" Jesus said, "I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."

And the purpose is:

John 3:17: "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

Rom. 6:23: "For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Rom. 8:1: "*There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."

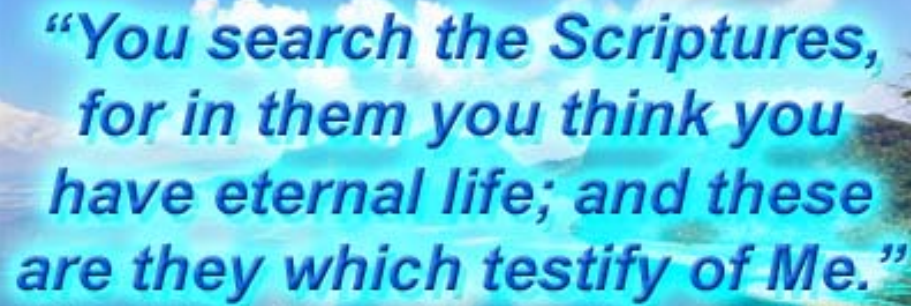
The reason we are warned:

1John 2:22: "Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son."

John 8:24: "Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am *He*, you will die in your sins."

Is Jesus Lord of my life, my Savior through whom I repented of my sins to follow His teachings?

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**“You search the Scriptures,
for in them you think you
have eternal life; and these
are they which testify of Me.”**

John 5:39

Scripture testifies:

John 1:1-2: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.”

John 1:14: “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

What did Jesus say about Him being “The Word of God”?

John 17:8: “For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.”

John 6:63: “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life.”

Mat. 24:35: “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.”

And the purpose is:

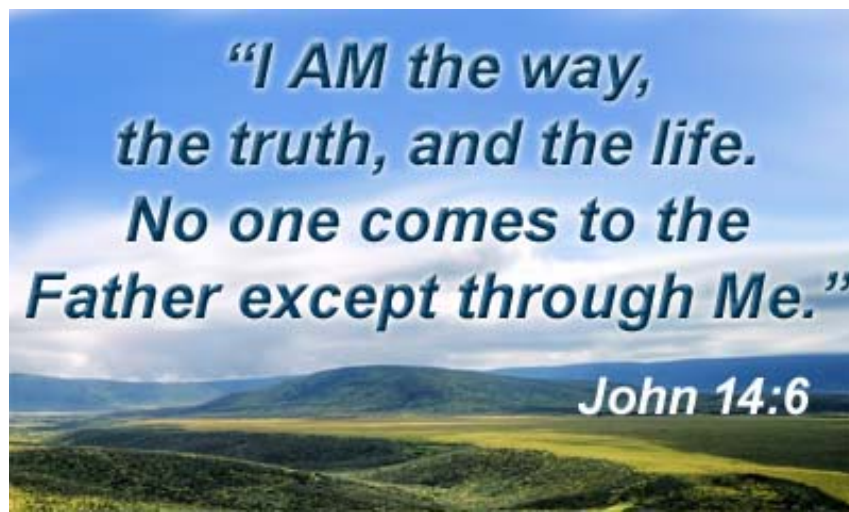
Mat. 4:4: “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”

Heb. 4:12: “For the Word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

Luke 11:28: “Blessed *are* those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

How steadfast am I to live by the Word of God?

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Why is Jesus the only Way, Truth and Life to lead us to eternal life with God?

Matthew. 11:27: "All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and *the one* to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*."

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."

John 14:1-2: "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

1John 5:11-12: "And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life."

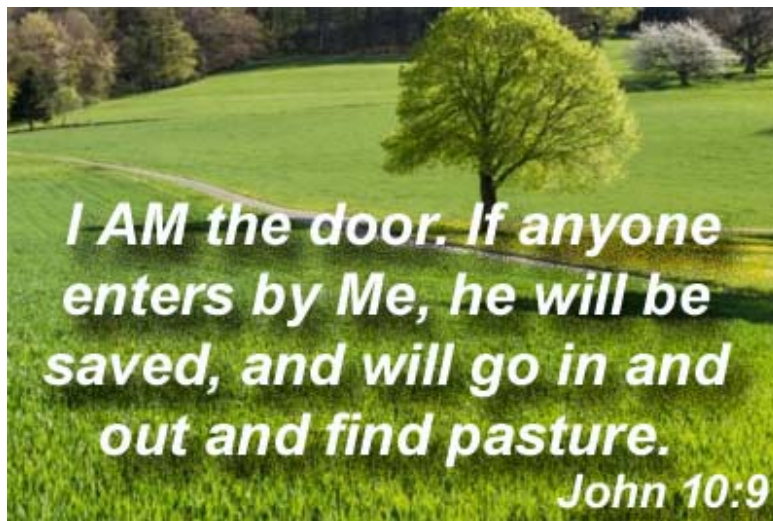
And the purpose is:

Romans 10:9: "If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Hebrews 7:25: "Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them."

Do I live to follow the Way, the Truth and the Life in Christ by faith, through my words, actions and thoughts?

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Why must we enter by the only door leading to God, Christ Jesus?

Mat 7:13-14: "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it."

Hebrews 10:20: "By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place."

What have we been promised if we enter through Christ?

Rev. 3:8: "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name."

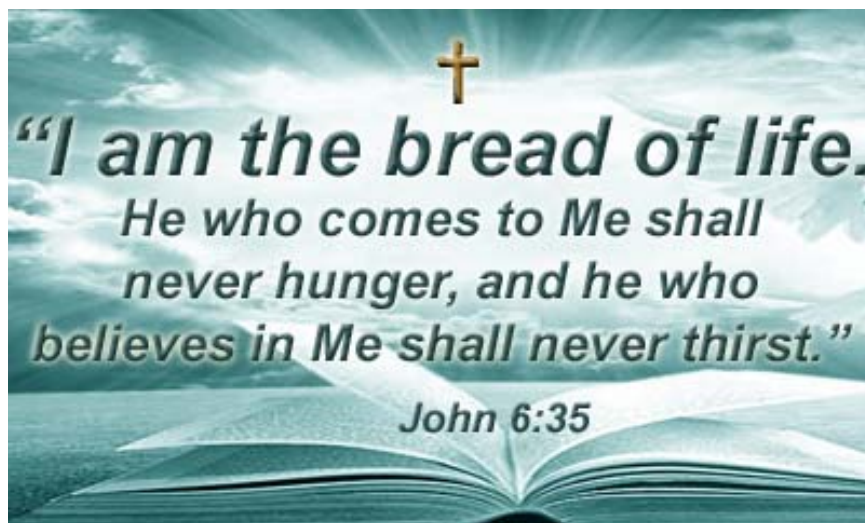
Rev. 3:20: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."

Mat. 7:7-8: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."

A word of caution: John 10:1: "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber."

Have I entered the Kingdom of God through the only door, Christ Jesus?

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For what purpose did Jesus say, "I am the Bread of Life"?

John 6:51: "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."

John 6:33: "For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

In other words, Jesus, "the Bread of Life" is the spiritual food we need daily through His Word, to lead and prepare us for eternal life.

Then He further declared:

John 6:47-48: "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. I am the bread of life."

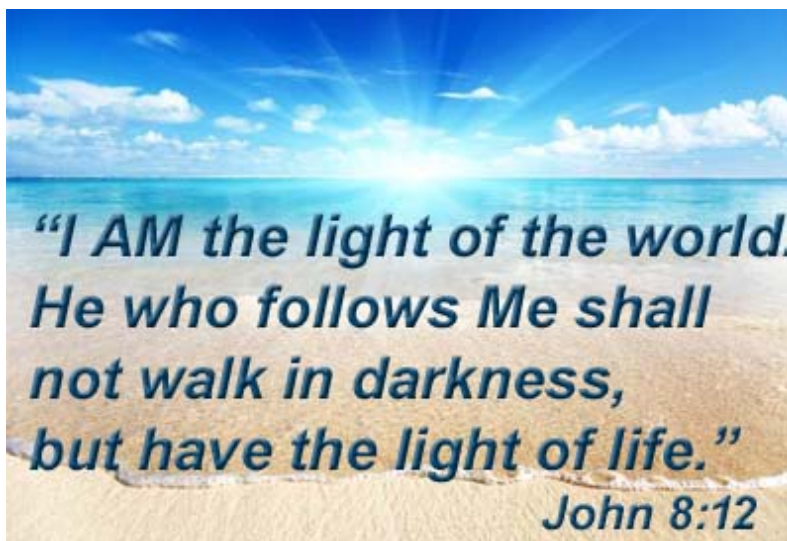
Mat. 4:4: "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

Luke 22:19, "He took bread, gave thanks and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

John 7:38: "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

Do I daily feed on the Bread of Life, Christ the Lord, the Son of God, the Messiah, the pure Word of God?

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Why did Jesus say, “I am the Light of the world”?

John 12:46: “I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.”

And the purpose is:

John 1:4: “In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.”

Eph. 5:8: “For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.”

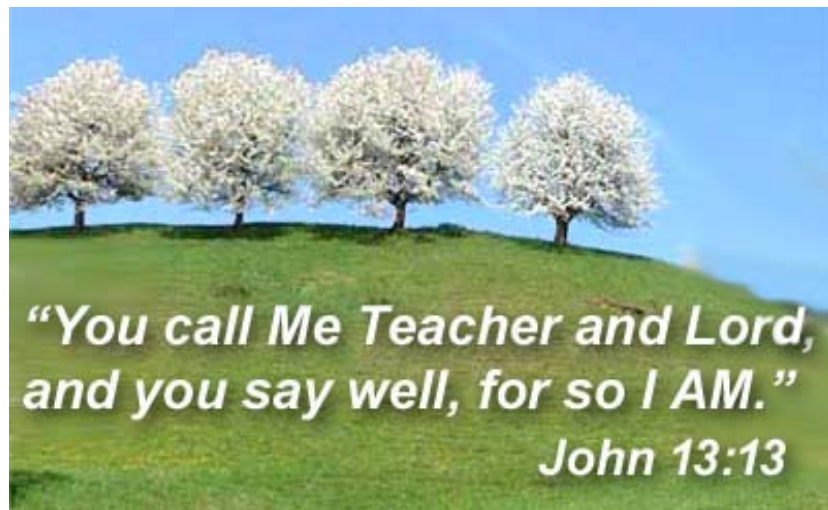
1John 1:5-7: “This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.”

Acts 13:47: “For so the Lord has commanded us: ‘I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, that you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.’”

Mat 5:14-16: “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Am I following the Light, and how bright does the Light of Christ shine in my life?

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Why must Jesus be Lord over our lives?

1Cor. 8:6: "For us *there is* one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom *are* all things, and through whom we live."

Philip. 2:9-11: "Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Acts 2:36: "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

Rom. 10:9: "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

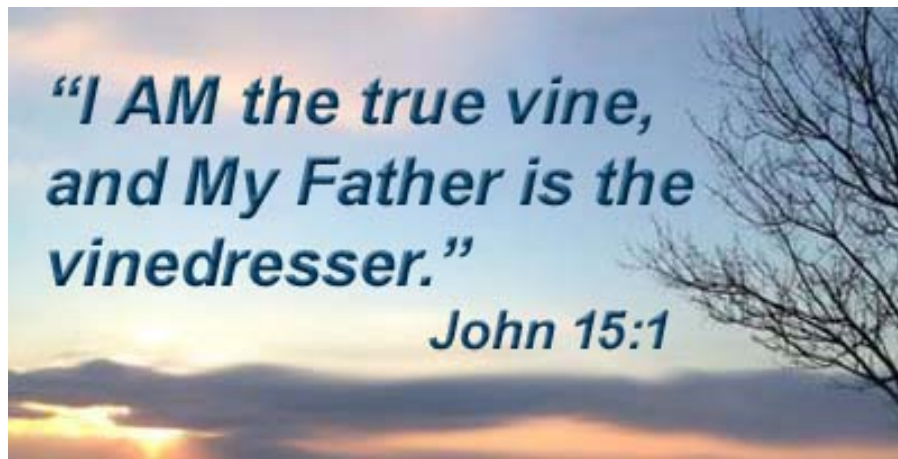
How must we honor Christ as Lord?

Col. 3:17: "Whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

1Peter 3:15: "You must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it."

Is Jesus Lord of my life, and so I live to honor Him by abiding in His Word?

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What has the vine to do with Christ in our lives?

John 15:2: "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit."

John 15:6: "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned."

Why must we abide in the vine?

John 15:16: "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you."

John 14:23: "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him."

John 14:15-16: "If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever."

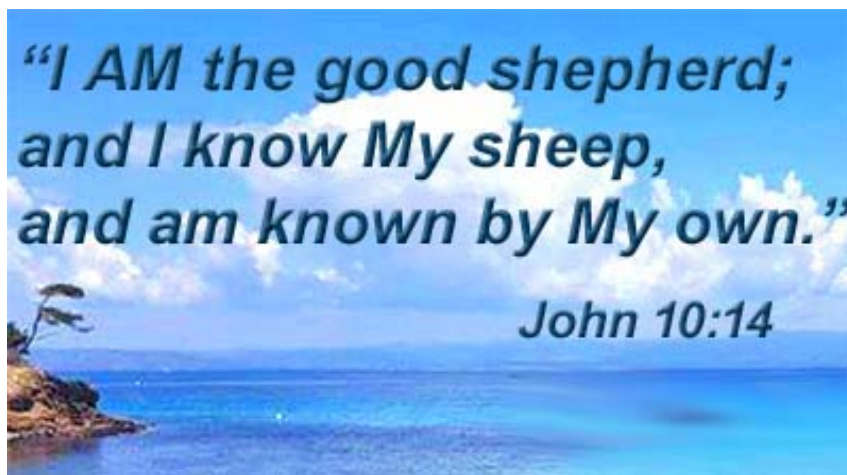
Eph. 2:10: "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

A word of caution:

Gal. 5:13: "But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."

Do I faithfully abide in the True Vine, Christ Jesus my Lord and Savior, to bear fruit to His Glory?

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What did Jesus prophesy about being the Good Shepherd?

John 10:11: "The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep."

How did Christ, the Good Shepherd, care for his sheep?

Mark 6:34: "And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things."

And the purpose is:

Heb. 13:20-21: "Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* glory forever and ever."

How must we ensure we follow the Good Shepherd?

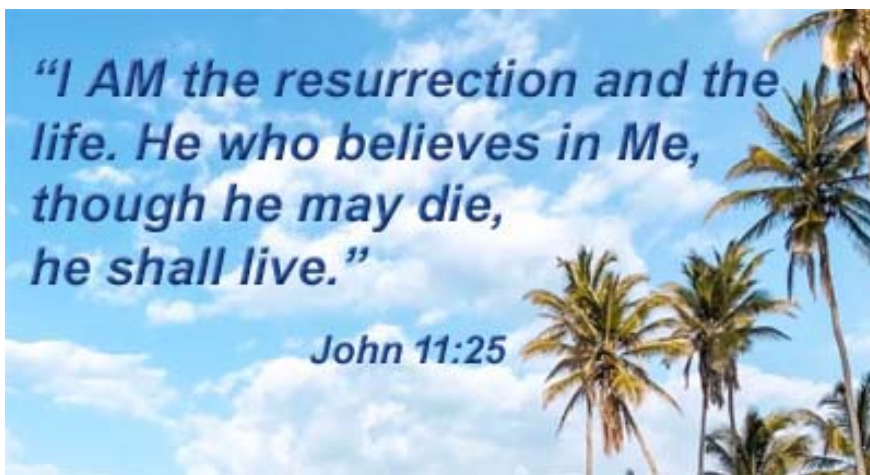
Mat. 10:16: "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

Mat. 7:15: "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves."

Let's remember Psalm 100:3: "Know that the LORD, He *is* God; *It is* He *who* has made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* His people and the sheep of His pasture."

Am I trusting and following the Good Shepherd, Christ the Lord?

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What's more?

John 11:26: "And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

John 5:24: "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My Word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life."

Rev. 1:18: "I *am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death."

Therefore:

Mat. 10:28: "Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

What awaits true believers?

Philip. 3:20-21: "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself."

1Cor. 15:22: "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive."

And as prophesied in Dan. 12:2: "And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame *and* everlasting contempt."

Looking at my life right now, on which side of the fence would I find myself eternally?

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