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'I Am', part 3

'I know your works.

**See, I have set before you an open door,
and no one can shut it' Jesus in Revelation 3:8**

'I am the Door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture' (Joh 10:9; 10:1-6)

- † We are surrounded by doors. Christ is the exclusive Door through which we can enter the Kingdom of Heaven
- † Doors keep things out and let other things in. Having a personal relationship with Christ is the access to His Kingdom
- † He Whom the door of the grave could not stay closed, but burst open rolling the stone away from it
- † With Him we can even live the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and have abundance of pasture since He promised that *'all things will be added to you'* Mat 6:33
- † Going in and out refers to divine adoption as sons to the Father (Gal 4:1-6)
 - Home is where we go and rest at the end of the day, even though we go in and out of it several times a day
 - Through Christ, we are called to be in the world but not from it (Joh 17:14-16; 15:19)
 - We go in and out without conforming to the world's standards and philosophies. *'And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God'* Rom 12:2. *'Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God?'* Jam 4:4b. *'Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him'* 1 Joh 2:15
 - Our home is Heaven. *'For our citizenship is in Heaven'* Phi 3:20a

Christ, the King of Kings, Who gave His life for us, yet gives us the authority to welcome Him or not

- † Jesus Christ stands at the door of our heart and knocks, waiting for us to open so that He comes in. *'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'* Rev 3:20

'I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep' (John 10:11; 10:7-21)

- † The good shepherd protects the sheep from thieves and wild animals
- † In Ezekiel 34, God the Father rebukes the bad shepherds who feed themselves instead of the sheep
- † As in the vine, we could not be good shepherds so He came to be the True and Shepherd
- † Today, we call the leaders in the Church as shepherds
- † The shepherd guides the sheep to pastures to keep them healthy
- † Just as the sheep know the voice of the shepherd, so will we discern the Voice of Jesus
- † Each sheep is extremely precious in the eyes of the Shepherd. He leaves the multitude to find the one lost sheep (*Mat 18:12*)
- † The sheep, unlike the goats, go only where their shepherd goes or guides them
- † King David said in *Psalms 23:1-2*, '*The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters*'

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Legend

 Refers to mandatory readings

Verse to memorize

'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' Matthew 7:13

During the coming week, let us pray expectantly

- 1. seeking the Lord's will to be done in Lebanon**
- 2. for CrossTalk to find a locale**
- 3. for David, Gisele, Habib and Karim**
- 4. to become more of saints and less of sinners**
- 5. to seek the Lord in every word I say, every act I do and every thought I think**
- 6. to help in building His Kingdom by building His Church on earth**
- 7. to deny ourselves, carry our cross and follow Him**
- 8. to thank Him for creating us and each one around us, on His image and likeness, and choosing us to reveal His splendor**
- 9. to all the sick**
- 10. to all those in prison**
- 11. to the unity of the Christians**
- 12. to one another to be honest and not lack integrity**
- 13. to put all that we have in the Lord's hands trusting His management**
- 14. to all the Christians who are being persecuted, and to those who are persecuting them**
- 15. to all families, that the Lord unites the parents together in His Name and stops all fights**
- 16. to the situation in Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Iraq and the whole region**

During this coming week, we will lift the Armenian Catholic Church in prayer

الصَّلَاةُ الرَّبَّانِيَّةُ

أَبَانَا الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ
لِيَتَقَدَّسَ اسْمُكَ
لِيَأْتِ مَلَكُوتُكَ
لِيَتَكُنْ مَشِيئَتُكَ
كَمَا فِي السَّمَاءِ
كَذَلِكَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ
أَعْطِنَا خَبزَنَا كَمَا فِي يَوْمِنَا
وَاعْفُرْ لَنَا ذُنُوبَنَا وَخَطَايَانَا
كَمَا نَحْنُ نَعْفُرُ
لِمَنْ أَحْطَأَ وَأَسَاءَ إِلَيْنَا
وَلَا تُدْخِلْنَا فِي التَّجَارِبِ
لَكِنْ نَجِّنَا مِنَ الشَّرِّ
أَمِينَ

قانون الايمان

نؤمن بالله واحد
أب ضابط الكل
خالق السماء والأرض
كل ما يرى وما لا يرى
ويرب واحد يسوع المسيح
ابن الله الوحيد
المولود من الأب قبل كل الدهور
إله من إله، نور من نور، إله حق من إله حق
مولود غير مخلوق، مساو للأب في الجوهر
الذي به كان كل شيء
الذي من أجلنا نحن البشر ومن أجل خلاصنا
نزل من السماء
وتجسد بالروح القدس ومن مريم العذراء
وصار إنساناً وصليباً عنا على عهد بيلاطس البنطي
وتألم ومات وقبر وقام في اليوم الثالث كما جاء في الكتب
وصعد إلى السماء وجلس عن يمين الأب
وسياتي أيضاً بمجد عظيم
ليدين الأحياء والأموات
الذي لا فناء لمملكته
وبالروح القدس
الرب المحيي
المنبثق من الأب والإبن
الذي هو مع الأب والإبن
يُسجد له ويُمجد
الناطق بالأنبياء والرسل
ويكنيسة واحدة، جامعة، مقدسة، رسولية
ونعترف بمعمودية واحدة لمغفرة الخطايا
وننتظر قيامة الأموات والحياة في الدهر الآتي
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