

Jesus Is The Alpha and Omega

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Scripture:

“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. ¹⁶“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” (Rev. 22:12-16 ESV)

From the Introduction:

- The imminent return of Christ has been the hope of the church since the first century AD. How has Christ’s delay in coming changed your view of the hope of His return?
- Do you, at times, give in to the idea that Jesus’ return will not occur in your lifetime? If yes, do you find it influencing your call to serve Him?

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I. Promised _____ (v. 7, 12, & 20)

"And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." (Rev. 22:7 ESV)

A. Jesus promises that he will _____ for His church.

B. Jesus promises _____ to all for what they have done.

II. Divine _____ (v. 13)

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Rev. 22:13 ESV)

A. Jesus was _____ all Creation.

B. Jesus will exist _____ this present creation.

III. Messianic _____

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." (Rev. 22:16 ESV)

A. Jesus is the _____ of the Davidic Covenant.

B. Jesus is the _____ of history.

Remember:

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. [Rev. 22:17]

Reflect:

"Sooner or later the false gods give way. It happens to people every day, and, when it does, God's people must be in the place where people are so that we may share with them the authentic food of the gospel."
(Stuart Briscoe)

Seek:

- 1) John refers to Jesus as the Alpha and Omega. What comfort do you find in knowing that Jesus is eternal and greater than all God's Creation?

- 2) Pastor Mark mentioned the Greek word, *misthos*, (recompense) means to pay for service, good or bad. It is the reward one receives for their endeavors. It is what all can expect to receive at Christ's return. How does an expectation of "recompense" speak to your spirit about your service for Christ?

Share:

- 1) Read Acts 1:6-8
 - a) When the disciples ask Jesus about establishing his kingdom, He responds, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority." (Acts 1:7) How does it make you feel to know that, although Jesus promises to return, you must live with the uncertainty of its fulfillment in your

lifetime? [Do not look ahead to the next question before considering this one].

- b) Jesus then tells. “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8 ESV) How has the promise of the Holy Spirit helped you to exist with the hope of His return? How has the Spirit worked in you to share this hope with others?

Serve:

- 1) Consider Jesus’ words in Rev. 22:17, “The Spirit and Bride say come.” As a member of the Bride of Christ, what spiritual disciplines have you committed to help you grow in your service to God?

- 2) What can you do to help others who are thirsting (22:17) come to the source of the “water of life without a price?”

Pray:

Pray together, in complete sentence prayers, asking the Lord to help you grow in your relationship with Him.