

Jesus - The Alpha and Omega

When Jesus is the beginning and the end of your day, month, year, life, thoughts, plan and programme, etc; then everything in between will be perfectly alright!

Alpha is first letter of Greek Alphabet, and Omega the last. The equivalent in English alphabets are A and Z. As first, Christ is:

- 1. "Firstborn of every creature" (Colossians 1:15)
- 2. "Firstborn son" of virgin Mary (Matthew 1:25)
- 3. "First that should rise from the dead" (Acts 26:23)
- 4. "First fruits of them that slept" (I Corinthians 15:20)
- 5. "the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence (Colossians 1:18).

As last, Christ is the last king that will take over power and reign for ever "For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all. (I Corinthians 15:25-28).

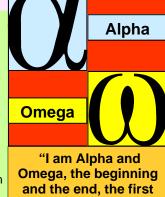
However, when Jesus declared "I am Alpha and Omega..." He was not just referring to the two letters alone but also everything in between them. In the context of the English alphabets this means Christ is A, B, C, D, ... Z. This bulletin focuses on the implications of Christ being the Alpha and Omega of our everyday lives. Now, let's explore:

- A Alpha: "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty" (Revelation 1:8). Christ should be the beginning, the end and everything in between in our plans, thoughts, prorammes, etc. Christ is also our:
 - Advocate (I John 2:1) who pleads our case with the father.
 - Author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2) who ignites faith and fulfils its demands.
 - Apostle, and High priest of our profession (Hebrews 3:1) who ministers on our behalf to God.
- B **Bread** of life: "I am the **living bread** which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this **bread**, he shall live for ever: and the **bread** that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world" (John 6:51). We must either eat or starve to death. Insufficient meal results in malnutrition. Eat through personal Quiet time and regular church attendance. Christ is also our **Bridegroom** (Matthew 9:15; 25:1) Be ready or locked out of heaven!
- C Christ: "And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ" (Matthew

1:16). As Christ, let Him save you.

D – **Destroyer** of the works of the devil: "He that committeth sin is of **the** devil; for **the** devil sinneth from **the** beginning. For this purpose **the** Son of God was manifested, that he might **destroy the works** of **the** devil" (I John 3:8). Give Him the chance to destroy sin from your life. He is also the:

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(Revelation 22:13)

- Deliverer (Romans 11:26) who turns away ungodliness from His people and deliver captives (Luke 4:18-21).
- **Door** (John 10:7) through which His sheep find pasture, provision and protection.
- E **Everlasting**: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). He provides certainty. He is also our:
 - End (Revelation 22:13) of everything in life.
 - Emmanuel (Matthew 1:23) God with us.
- F Friend of Sinners: "The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children" (Matthew 11:19).
- G Godhead: "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily" (Colossians 2:9).
- H Head: "And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence" (Colossians 1:18).
 He deserves our submission and obedience. He is also:
 - Our **Hope** of glory (Colossians 1:27)
 - The Holy One (Luke 4:34) whom demons dread.
 - Husband (Isaiah 54:5) who deserves chaste bride.

I – I am: "... I am in the Father, and the Father in me..." (John 14:10,11). This designates divinity and heavenly authority whom all must obey or face eternal damnation. He is also the Image of the Invisible God (Colossians 1:15).

J- **Jesus**: "And she **shall** bring **forth** a son, and thou shalt



call his name **JESUS:** for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).

- K Key: "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth" (Revelation 3:7). He is also King of Kings (I Timothy 6:15), and deserve to rule in your life now!
- L Light "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12). "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19). He is also the:
 - Lion of the tribe of Juda (Revelations 5:5) who prevails over all
 - Lilly of the valley (Song of Solomon 2:1) who blossoms
 - Lamb of God (John 1:29) who takes away the sin of the world.
 - Lord of Lords (Revelations 19:16).
 - Life (John 14:6). Outside of Christ is death.
- M Messiah: "Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself" (Daniel 9:25,26). He is also the
 - Morning Star (Revelation 22:16) who guides surely.
 - Mighty God (Isaiah 9:6) who is excellent in Power to meet all our needs.
- N Name above all names: "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth" Philippians 2:9,10);
- O Omega: "Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last" (Revelations 1:11). Jesus is Omniscience, Omnipresence and Omnipotent.
- P- Priest: "Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec" (Hebrews 5:10). He is also our Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6).
- Q Qualifier for Heaven: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).
- R Rose of Sharon: "I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys" (Song of Solomon 2:1). He is also the:

- Righteousness of God (Romans 3:22)
- Resurrection and the life (John 11:25)
- Rock (I Corinthians 10:4) that followed Israel.
- S Saviour: "And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard Him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world" (John 4:42). He is also the:
 - Living Stone (I Peter 2:4)
 - Chief Corner **Stone** (Ephesians 2:20; I Peter 2:6).
 - Good **Shepherd** (John 10:11,14).
- T Truth: "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). He is also the Teacher come from God (John 3:2).
- U Unction: "But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things" (I John 2:20). He enlightens.
- V Vine: "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5)
- W Word: "And the Word was made 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" (John 1:14). The word of Jesus must come first in my life. Any opinion, views, commands, etc that contradict that of Jesus for my life is merely a waste of time. He is Wonderful (Isaiah 9:6), and also the:
 - Only Way to God (John 14:6)
 - Wisdom of God (I Corinthians 1:24)
 - Faithful Witness (Revelation 1:5)
 - Water of Life (John 7:38; Revelation 22:17)
- X Xerox image of God: "Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person..." (Hebrews 1:3). He is also the Xrayer of thoughts: "For the word (Living Word = Christ) of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).
- Y The same **Yesterday**...: <u>Hebrews 13:8</u> "Jesus Christ **the same yesterday**, and to day, and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8). Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. He is also our Yoke bearer (Matthew 11:29,20) and Yoke Breaker (Isaiah 10:27).
- Z Zion: "Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee" (Psalms 2:6,7). Be ready to welcome His return through Mount Zion.