

**Jesus In His Own Words
I Am The Alpha and Omega
Revelation 1:17-18; 22:12-13 (page 861, 873)**

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Some Scriptural Observations:

In the *Old Testament*

(Isaiah 41:1-4; 44:6-7; 48:12-13; Psalm 90:1-2)

- “First and last” is a reference to G o d Himself
- Describes God’s *all-encompassing nature* - that in His being lies the t o t a l i t y of all e x i s t e n c e.

In the *New Testament* (Revelation 1:8, 17-18; 21:1-6; 22:12-13)

- “Alpha and Omega” is a reference to G o d Himself (1:8; 21:6)
- Jesus is a s s e r t i n g that He is G o d (1:17-18; 22:12-13)
- Jesus is the s o u r c e of life and the f i n a l goal toward which a l l of life is moving

This truth of the p r e s e n c e of the *Alpha and Omega* means that I:

- am n o t an a c c i d e n t (Jeremiah 1:4-5; Psalm 139:13-18)
- have an ultimate p u r p o s e in my e x i s t e n c e (Acts 17:26-27; Ephesians 2:10)
- am not a v i c t i m of my c i r c u m s t a n c e s or s u r r o u n d i n g s (Romans 11:36; 2 Corinthians 11:21b-31; 12:9-10)
- have s i g n i f i c a n c e to G o d (Hebrews 6:10; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Matthew 28:20)

Taking it home...

Spend some time this week thinking on and meditating over the descriptions we have heard from Jesus about Himself over the last 8 weeks. _____

Get a notebook and review them jotting down (journal) what He was saying and how that impacts your life today. Then, consider those areas that God has been speaking to you about during the series and through your personal observations and determine what you will begin to do to grow deeper in your faith. _____
