

“The Alpha and the Omega – The Beginning and the End!”

Hello to each and every one of you this beautiful month of December. We find ourselves celebrating many things this month. A year of work comes to an end and that employer of yours might finally recognize the value of his employees by distributing a bonus check. A birthday or some type of friend/family reunion might be planned. Maybe there is some kind of a party at work and you are looking forward to that. Yes, birthdays are important reminders to each of us of something quite special. This is the month of a birthday that is quite special to all Christians and I am sure you will enjoy those reminders at your house of worship. A very special birthday indeed in a place far away, in a town most of us will never see. The end of another year also brings about the beginning of a new year with new expectations and hopes and anticipated promises fulfilled.

Have you ever tried to learn something new? It would be the kind of thing that most people would accept as a challenge. Most people would never dream of doing what you decided to do and would simply ask you why? Your most logical response might be, “Why not?” You decided to deal with this “new” challenge for reasons that only you and a few others understood. Most people would just disregard it as something that was temporary but you would continue to work, and work, and study with the hopes of one day being successful. In time you would begin to understand that success might be one little step and another little step of progress and another and another. In time you might even reflect on those little steps and begin to realize that success came that first day you accepted the challenge and that success came every day you worked and studied and continued in the quest. Those little steps were definitely your beginning. To what end did not really matter at the time and you accepted the challenge. It was the “new” and possibly unreachable challenge. It was that challenge which very few understood that keeps you going. To what end you might be asked? And the answer might be as simple as, I am not really sure at this time but the challenge continues.

There are many things in life that are far less complicated than what I have mentioned above. One of those far less complicated ideas is mentioned in the book of Revelation. Yes, less complicated and the Book of Revelation. Sounds like an oxymoron to you? But it is not that complicated to understand.

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We all desire some consistency in our lives and we all realize, possibly on a daily basis, that consistency is something we rarely find on a daily basis. “The best-laid plans of mice and men often go awry.” At least this applies to me most of the time. But what about the greater understanding of a greater plan. Yes, one more time.....

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Wesley's notes on this one scripture are: "How clear, incontestable a proof, does our Lord here give of his divine glory!"

This month is a month of many celebrations that might occur in your life. I am excited for you but more excited if you re-associate yourself with that clear and incontestable proof that our Lord gives us of his divine glory. This is the greatest of all challenges and so simply stated for us in the Book of Revelation, Chapter 22, and verse 13. Most simply stated:

"Jesus is complete. He was with God in the beginning and He will be with God in the end."

Have a wonderful end to your year and wishing that you look forward to the beginning of a new and challenging year in 2012.

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