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Revelation 1:8, *“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.”*

This year January 1 was on Sunday as well as December 31. With the LORD’s day being the first and last days of 2017, I thought of all the times in Revelation that Jesus said He is the first and the last.

Revelation 1:8 lets us know that Jesus is eternal. He not only lives forever, but has always existed. It’s hard for us to imagine not having a beginning, but it is something we know and accept by faith. He is, was, and is to come. He then lets us know that He has all might. He is the Almighty.

Revelation 1:11a, *“Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last.”* In this verse Jesus said He is Alpha and Omega. Those are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. He is the first and the last. Jesus was simply saying there is no one before or after Him. He is all. No one came before and no one will come after.

Revelation 1:17, *“And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And*

*he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last.”* When John fell before Jesus, Jesus compassionately laid His hand upon John and told him to fear not. He is the first and the last. Again reminding us that there is no one other than Him.

Revelation 2:8, *“And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive.”* In writing to the church at Smyrna, Jesus tells them He is the first and the last. There is no one before Him or after Him to whom they could turn, nor we ourselves.

Revelation 21:6, *“And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.”* Nearing the end of Revelation, Jesus again states He is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. He has always been and always will be. We know our access to the water of life will never end, because Jesus will ever be.

Revelation 22:13, *“I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.”* The last time Jesus states His eternalness with the terms in Revelation, he uses all three sets— Alpha and Omega, beginning and end, first and last. Using all three strongly make the point as the book of Revelation and the entire Bible closes that there is no one before or after Jesus. He is has always been and forever will be. He is the only one in whom to trust. He is the only one to give you eternal life, for He is the only one eternal.

It’s interesting to note that these terms of Jesus being first and last are only found in the first and last parts of Revelation. They are only found in chapters 1 and 2, and chapters 21 and 22. Jesus began Revelation and closed it by letting us know there is no one other than Him.

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# News

—Continue to remember **Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry. Elaine Quigley** is having trouble with a ruptured disk. **Shirley Edwards** is in Hardin Memorial Hospital in Elizabethtown. She has had a light stroke.

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Exodus 12:2, “*This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.*”

The LORD established the beginning of the year for the Israelites. For them their year began at the passover which was around our April. We are not bound by that calendar since it was part of the old law which was done away with the beginning of the new law, the New Testament.

Our year begins tomorrow. We tend to think of this as a time to start something new. It’s a logical time to do so since it’s the largest unit of time keeping we use in our day to day lives.

People use it as a time to better themselves. Many will resolve to eat better, lose weight, stop smoking, or any number of things to better themselves. Though these are all good things to do, the best things we can resolve to do are the things that draw us closer to the LORD.

Let’s resolve to attend every service. Let’s read the Bible every day. Perhaps we can give more to the work of the Church and less to entertainment. We could invite one person per week to services. There are so many things we can do to improve ourselves spiritually.

The physical resolutions we make will not matter in a few years. The things we do to better ourselves for the LORD are eternal. One year from today, will we be closer to or further from the LORD? The time to start bettering ourselves is now.

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Sunday, December 24, 2017		
Classes	18	I Timothy 5:11-25
Preaching	28	Galatians 1:1-24
Contribution	\$734.00	
Evening	27	Malachi 3:1-12
Wednesday, December 27, 2017		
Classes	19	Revelation 4:7-11

Visitors— Dec 24 (PM) Leland, Ancy, Rayna & Clay Glass  
(Hiseville, KY)

## Bible Quiz

Each of the four beasts had six what?

Last Week’s Answer— Lion (Revelation 4:7)

—There is no heat at the church building. Thanks to Brooks Funeral Home for letting us worship there this morning. We will have no evening service. There will be a service broadcast from home at 6:00 p.m. I’ll send everyone the link to listen at about 5:45 p.m. Marty

## —God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)