

Munfordville Church of Christ

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Revelation 4:8, “*And the four beasts had each of them six wings about [him]; and [they were] full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come*”

There is much in the Bible about the LORD being before, now, and to come. The same was known of the LORD in the Old Testament. Isaiah 43:10, “*Ye [are] my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I [am] he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.*”

Jesus let others know this early in His ministry. The Jews said to Jesus that he was not even 50 years old, and asked if had He seen Abraham. Jesus responded in John 8:58, “*Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.*” Jesus did not say, “I was.” He said, in reference to before Abraham, “I am.” No matter how far back into time and eternity before Abraham, Jesus existed. Instead of reacting with wonder and great comfort, they took up stones to stone Jesus.

Revelation 4:8 is the last time the phrase “was, is, and is to come” is

used. There are two other verses previously in Revelation which state the same.

Revelation 1:4, “*John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace [be] unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne.*” 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.*”

In Revelation 1:8, Jesus says He is Alpha and Omega. These are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. In stating this, Jesus is saying there is nothing before Him nor is there anything after Him. Once more in Revelation 1 Jesus says He is Alpha and Omega. 1:11, “*Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last...*”

The final two times Jesus says He is Alpha and Omega is very near the end of Revelation. 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.*” Revelation 22:13, “*I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.*”

It’s interesting that the book of Revelation opens with Jesus letting us know He is eternal. Then, some of the very last words Jesus tells us is to let us know that He is eternal. He tells us this because there is such great hope and comfort in knowing the LORD is eternal.

In the final usage in Revelation 22:13 Jesus uses three terms to describe His being eternal, Alpha and Omega, beginning and end, first and last. He is leaving us with these words to remind us that He is eternal. There is no one else. He is the only one on whom you can place your hopes and trust.

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News

—Continue to remember **Shirley Edwards, Alice Vanderstoep, Jean Coffey, Clay Bozarth, Vicki McDaniel, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Beulah Baker, Louise Greer. Joanna Locke** had a stroke this past week. **Allen Riffle** was quick sick for over a week with a migraine. The migraine has gone, but he also has been diagnosed with Covid-19.

—Our in-person services are broadcast on AM 770. (This frequency is subject to change in case of interference to others.) This is a low power broadcast that reaches to our parking areas. If you are listening to services outside, text or call, and communion will be brought to you.

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There is another verse that uses the tenses of past, present, and future. It's about how the LORD delivers us. II Corinthians 1:10, "*Who **delivered** us from so great a death, and doth **deliver**: in whom we trust that he **will yet deliver** [us].*"

Without the LORD we were condemned to be eternally lost. But due to His perfect sacrifice upon the cross, He has delivered us. He continues to deliver us as we obey Him and live faithfully. He will in the future deliver us as our lives unfold, and when we cross over into eternity. He will forever deliver us because in Heaven we are saved eternally. We can never leave that eternal home with the LORD.

We can know that the LORD has always been, He is now, and He is to come. When we place our trust in the LORD, we know that He is there. No matter how long we live, He is there. He is there eternally. We are placing our hope in the only One who is, will always be, and has always been. —Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, November 1, 2020		
Classes	--	--
Preaching	17	
Contribution	\$920.00	
Evening	--	Mark 9:30-50
Wednesday, November 4, 2020		
Classes	--	Isaiah 53:1-12

Bible Quiz

He shall grow as a root out of what?

Last Week's Answer— Made it bare (Isaiah 52:10)

—Just a reminder that we are only meeting for one hour on Sunday morning at 10:00 Central. Sunday and Wednesday evening services are online only on YouTube and TuneIn Radio.

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Hebrews 13:3, "*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.*"

—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)