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David's Devotional Alpha & Omega

"I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.." Revelation 22:13

Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet. Omega is the last letter of the Greek alphabet.

We would say "I am the A and Z".

Just in case one did not know what Alpha and Omega was, Jesus repeated by saying "the beginning and the end"!

If we still missed the point he said it another way, "the first and the last"!

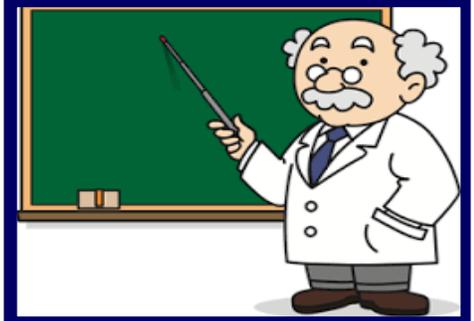
Jesus definitely wanted to get His point across! Jesus was saying, "I am ALL in ALL!" - "I am EVERYTHING!" - "I'm all that matters"!

If we do not have Jesus, we do not have anything of value. If we are Christians (followers of Christ) we have everything we need!

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Revelation 3:20

The good news is, we can all have Jesus! Just answer the door!

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An Interesting Quote:

"My best friend is the one who brings out the best in me."

Henry Ford

Stop! Think for just a minute. Who do you hang around that makes you better?

I Corinthians 15:33 tells us "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners." That is true! Since who we hang around can corrupt us, then it is equally true that who we hang around can make us better!

Proverbs 27:17 "Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend."

Who is your best friend?

Did You Know?

Willis Carrier invented indoor air conditioning on July 17th, 1902. This invention has had a global impact! Many industries would not be possible without it! Carrier's invention did more for the world's productivity than we realize. It also promoted better health! We are grateful to Carrier, especially during this summer's heat!

What Happened?

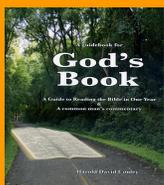
Making New Friends



The Gospel Meeting at Liberty church of Christ brought David Lipe to us.

David Lipe has more degrees than a thermometer, but his character is 1st Degree!

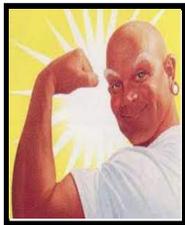
He is humble, kind, and respectful. He is living proof that you can take a man out of Mississippie, but you can't take Mississippie out of a man! So glad to call him my friend!



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"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven"
Ecclesiastes 3:1



Dopey & The Dog!

Elmer "Dopey" Bell was one of our neighbors in Winchester, Indiana.

He lived across the street. He looked like "Mr. Clean" except he had black hair growing over his ears. He also had black hair growing IN his ears. He had black bushy eyebrows that looked like caterpillars perched over his eyes. I was 13 months older than my brother, Dale. We shared everything ... even our fear of Dopey. When he came to our house we ran in terror! We hid under the couch, in the closet, under the bed, ... wherever we could scramble! We would scream and Dopey Bell would laugh!

We had another neighbor. A short haired black and white dog. I didn't know which house he lived in. In fact, I only saw him once. He was standing at the street corner. I thought he needed to be petted. I reached down to give him a pat on the head. Before I knew what was happening, he sunk his teeth deep into my right forearm. I was horrified when I saw a perfect set of teeth prints in my arm and blood spewing from them. Somehow I found myself riding in the Mayor's car going to the hospital to see Dr. Slick.

Sometimes we are afraid of things we should not be afraid of. I shouldn't have been afraid of Dopey. I didn't know him. Looking back, I'm sure he was a fine fellow. Why else would Daddy let him come to our house so often? I haven't seen Dopey since, except in my nightmares!

Sometimes we are not afraid of things we should be afraid of. I should have been afraid of that dog. I didn't know him. The dog had nothing to fear from me, but he didn't know that.

Fear is normal, even useful, but knowledge is the key to understanding when to be afraid. **Ecclesiastes 12:13** "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." Do you KNOW that?

He's a Short Timer!

"... Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."
Revelation 12:12.



The Devil is real! He is not a fictional character! Do you believe God is real? Well, Satan is just as real!

God is the creator of all things! Therefore, God created Satan. The question is, "Did God create Satan as an evil being or did God create Satan as a good being and Satan **CHOSE** to become evil?"

God is totally good! "...God is light, and in him is no darkness at all." **I John 1:5**

Therefore, God could not have created Satan to be evil. It would be impossible for "no darkness at all" to create "darkness"! That being the case, Satan must have made a choice to become evil.

Jesus, while talking to the disciples who had cast out some demons, told them that he "beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven" **Luke 10:18**

"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." **Revelation 12:9** When Satan chose to become evil, he was cast out!

What is going to happen to Satan? "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever." **Revelation 20:10**

Satan knows what his future is. He knows that he will be "tormented ...for ever and ever". He wants to take as many of us with him as possible. He knows he only has a short time. Let's not spend time with him! David Conley

A Funny Thing Happened ...



The preacher asked the ladies to choose their favorite hymn and he would give them to the song leader. When the oldest lady of the congregation raised her hand, the preacher told her she could pick out two hymns.

The elderly ladies' eyes opened wide and looked at two young men on the front row and said, "I'll take him and him!"

The preacher thought to himself:

"And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand:" **Matthew 15:10**