

# THE ALPHA AND OMEGA

PART ONE: FROM WHERE DID WE COME?

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**Genesis 1:1-2** *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.*

From Where Did We Come? Where are we going? What are we to do in the meantime? How do we interpret what is happening to us now in light of the past and the future?

We were created by a God that displays His character in the world He has made.

## The Creator is Powerful

God began the “beginning.”

If God existed before the beginning of the world then He is eternal and all that exists is controlled by Him.

God’s creative power tells us that we are precious to Him.

God’s power brings orderliness and harmony to our lives.

We do not fear the pain of chaos because the Eternal God does not change His attributes.

## The Creator Provides

The Creator gives us identity because whose we are always informs who we are.

The Creator gives us purpose.

Emptiness can lead us to despondency and “foreboding.”

The Creator gives us joy.

## The Creator is Present

The quality of hovering is a blessed characteristic of our Creator because His presence brings safety.

The Creator’s presence brings peace and a weapon to fight fear.

The Creator’s presence brings stability.

**John 1:1-3** *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.*

A relationship with the Creator (Jesus) brings us the potential to live constantly in His presence.

**John 1:14** *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

## Take this with you...

Jesus created you.

Jesus has a plan for you.

Jesus has a place for you.

Jesus hovers in and over you.

What We know about ourselves from our Creator: We are created, needy and loved.