

## “WORD OF LIFE”

January 23, 2022

### CHRIST IN HIS PERSON - In the Divine Economy

#### 5 - The First and the Last

#### 6 - The Beginning and the End

#### 7 - The Alpha and the Omega

Hymn # 202

#### ✚ IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD (John 1:1)

- Rev. 1:17 - And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead; and He placed His right hand on me, saying, Do not fear; I am the **First** and the **Last**
- Rev. 2:8 - And to the messenger of the church in Smyrna write: These things says the **First** and the **Last**, who became dead and lived *again*:
- Rev. 22:13 - I am the **Alpha** and the **Omega**, the **First** and the **Last**, the **Beginning** and the **End**.

#### ✚ LET US OFFER UP A SACRIFICE OF PRAISE CONTINUALLY TO GOD (Heb. 13:15)

#### ❖ In the divine economy Christ is all-inclusive

- Christ is the **First** and **Last** – the ever-existing, unchanging One
  - Christ is the First, none is **before** Him – nothing can precede Him
  - Christ is the Last, none is **after** Him – nothing can exist after Him
  - All the things are within the limit of **His control**
- Christ is the **beginning** and the **end** of God’s operation
  - Christ is the beginning, the **origination** of all things – begun with Christ
  - Christ is the end, the **consummation** of all things – end with Christ
  - There is no origination or consummation without Him.
- Christ is the **Alpha** and the **Omega**
  - Christ is the Alpha, the **first** letter of the Greek alphabet,
  - Christ is the Omega, the **last** letters of the Greek alphabet
  - Christ is also every **other** letter in the Greek alphabet
  - Christ is the **complete content** and **continuation** of God’s operation

#### ✚ WITH ONE ACCORD ... WITH ONE MOUTH GLORIFY THE GOD (Rom. 15:6)

- ✚ In the divine **economy** Christ is all-inclusive, He is the **First** and the **Last**, the **beginning** and the **ending**, of God’s operation and He is the **content** and **continuation** of whatever God is doing.
- ✚ Christ is the **Alpha** to **Omega** comprise all the letters of the Greek alphabet, in God’s economy Christ is every letter for the **composing** of words, sentences, paragraphs, chapters, and books. He is the **element** for composing the story of our life.
- ✚ Christ is the all-inclusive One, the One who is the **First** and the **Last**, the **beginning** and the **end**, the **Alpha** and the **Omega**. **Through** Him we **enjoy the dispensing of the Triune God**.