



“Living Between Already and Not Yet”

Thoughts to Ponder

“I am the Alpha and he Omega,” says the Lord, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.” Revelation 1:8 NIV

1. We have little or no control over the beginnings of our lives.
 - a. Recall the circumstances into which you were born: family, location, educational opportunities, financial wherewithal, etc.
 - b. Are you thankful for the circumstances of your birth? If so, what do you see as the greatest blessings? If not, why not?
 - c. In retrospect, how was God present in your early childhood?

2. We can trust God for He is always with us, whatever the circumstances.
 - a. Do you believe this? If so, please give an example of why.
 - b. If you do not believe this, please share why you have come to doubt God’s presence in your life.
 - c. If you do not trust in God, in what do you trust and why?

3. What does Jesus offer us during the time between already and not yet, between birth and death?
 - a. God loves us unconditionally: give an example of when you loved someone unconditionally and an example of when you did not.
 - d. God has freed us from our sins: give an example of when you have withheld forgiveness from someone and an example of when someone has failed to forgive you.
 - e. God invites us to know Him personally: have you accepted His invitation; are you a child of God?

