



***“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,”
says the Lord God, “who is, and who was and who is to
come, the Almighty.”***

Revelation 1:8 (NKJV)

I feel privileged to be a CPFI member. I have learned much from our annual conference continuing education programs that has benefited my practice. First-time professional introductions have become long-time, valued friends, along with their extended families. There have been times of great laughter and times of shared tears. Through the years, there have been times that we have shared the sorrow of saying good-bye to those in our CPFI family. At such times, it is not easy to find the right words to say, and all we can do is put our arms around each other and say how sorry we are for their loss. Yes, I have been and continue to be grateful to share in the fellowship of the Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International.

When we go through a difficult time, we must decide if *God is or God ain't*. When we hear about those who have had prolonged illnesses that stumped the medical care specialists and who have been healed by their church family's earnest prayers, *God is*. When faithful followers of Christ lay hands on a sick patient and their health improved, *God is*. These healings remind us of the four men in Mark 2:5 who brought their paralyzed friend to Jesus and lowered him through the roof. *“When Jesus saw their faith...” God is.*

When our broken-hearted friends lost a family member, *God is*. I remember praying in earnest for a fellow church member, begging God in faith to heal him. My friend died, and *God is*. If He is not, that friend's death points to the absurdity of all life, and it tears away the only hope that such a loss can someday be redeemed. When people pray in faith, sometimes God comes in power and changes things in ways that bring them joy, *God is*. And sometimes God, with a love for us as deep as the cross, says, “No.” *God is.*

Whether we win or lose in the things we long for, there is no purpose, no meaning, or lasting good in life unless *God is*. If *God is*, we know who He is from our experience and from the Bible at our bedside. So, praise God, whether we win or lose in the things we long for, this world does have purpose, meaning and lasting good because *God is*. We want Him when He makes our dreams come true. We must have Him when our world falls apart.

In the last days of the Alamo, the legend is told that 26-year-old Colonel William Travis drew a line in the sand. All but one stepped across the line. Those who did became heroes forever. As Christians, when we face each serious encounter in life, there is also a line in the sand, and we must decide whether to cross it. We must choose, “He is or He ain't.” “True religion is betting one's life there is a God.” –Donald Hanky

I Timothy 6:17-18 (NKJV) states: *Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share.*

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Join us for prayer!

Sunday, August 18, 2024 at 5:00 pm ET



The CPFI Past Presidents Committee was asked to implement a prayer ministry on behalf of CPFI. In March 2020, we started a weekly Prayer Meeting on Sunday evening at 5 p.m. ET, initially to pray about Covid-19 needs. **We are meeting monthly now on the third Sunday.** If you would like an invitation, e-mail Nena Lindrose at Office@cpfi.org. She will send a reminder e-mail with instructions on how to join and some suggested prayer concerns during the week prior to the meeting. We hope you will join us **Sunday, August 18, 2024** for our next session. By signing up you are only committing to participate when able and praying out loud is voluntary.

Fred Eckel, Director Emeritus

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