

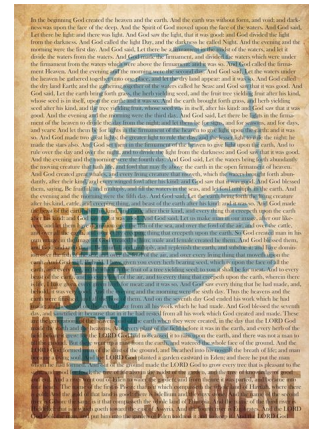


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Welcome to this month's edition of the Concordia Bible Institute (CBI) e-Bulletin.

CBI exists to provide Christ-centered Bible instruction through distinguished experts who teach "Christ in Every Word" of the Old and New Testaments. Under the direction of Dr. Brian German and in cooperation with the Department of Theology at Concordia University Wisconsin, CBI offers podcasts, face-to-face seminars, and other special events to strengthen faith and spread belief in the one true God.



"For the whole Christ is in every word and wholly in each individual word. When He is denied, therefore, in one word, He is totally denied, for He is in every word."

-Martin Luther (Luther's Works, 25:238).

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First Impressions

I've been thinking a lot lately about how the Bible begins. How would you describe the "first impression" that God makes upon readers of the Bible in just its first few verses?

Genesis 1:1 famously states that "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Notice how God makes a distinction between "the heavens" and "the earth," instead of just one, singular "heavearth" (sorry, I'm at a loss for words!). "The heavens" are mentioned first, showing some prominence, but "the earth" is singular (as opposed to the plural "heavens"), showing its unique status in the bigger picture of creation.

The earth's distinctiveness continues in the next verse, where, instead of getting more details about "the heavens," we learn even more about the earth: "The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep" (Gen. 1:2). You may be wondering: Why didn't God create an earth that was *formed, full, and bright*? Here we have even more focus on the earth, but this time on the fact that *the earth is not yet what it will be*. Like a master painter or carpenter, God takes one step at a time, in a careful and orderly manner.

The next three verses go like this: "And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day" (Gen. 1:3-5).

Interestingly, darkness is mentioned in the Bible before light, yet all the focus soon goes to (and stays on) the "light." God speaks light into existence (he didn't do that for darkness!), God sees that the light is good, God separates the light from the darkness, and so on. Also, instead of divvying up the Night, God divides up the Day into evening and morning.

What can we learn from all this? Darkness may be mentioned first in the Bible, but the light is coming! Evening, the darker part of the day, may also be mentioned first, but morning is right around the corner! In fact, the very structure of each day as "evening" and "morning" will remind us of this. It seems to me, then, that God is creating the heavens and the earth in a way that tells us something about the bigger picture of the Bible, giving us a nice foreshadowing of what is to come.

Like the earth, his people may fall into darkness, emptiness, and restlessness over not yet being what we should be, but God will send the *light* of the world to *fill* us with every good gift and *conform* us to the image of his Son. *In God's creating, then, we see a rich preview of his saving.* What can we say? He knows how to make a great first impression!

Dr. Brian German

Director of the Concordia Bible Institute

Upcoming Events

Spring In-Depth Bible Studies:

February 24 - Dr. Gregory Schulz: "Christ and His Church Contra Postmodernism: Part I"

March 2 - Dr. Gregory Schulz: "Christ and His Church Contra Postmodernism: Part II"

March 9 - Dr. Jason Soenksen: "The Book of Nahum"

March 23 - Dr. Aaron Moldenhauer: "Reading Galatians with Luther"

March 30 - Dr. Harald Tomesch: "The Doxology of the Lord's Prayer"

April 6 - Dr. Brian German: "The Unholy Trinity of Revelation"

6:30pm to 8:30pm

Friends of Concordia Room

Concordia University, Mequon, WI

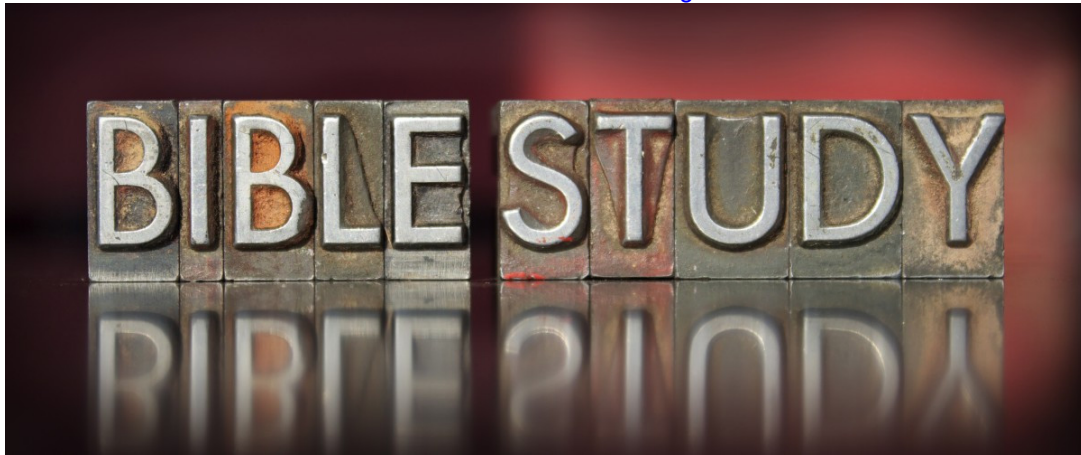
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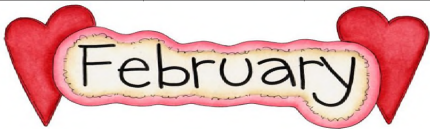
Mark these dates on your calendar for the Spring series of In-Depth Bible Studies. Come to any or all of the In-Depth Bible Studies, an amazing opportunity to hear *Christ in Every Word* from experts in their field!

Watch future e-Bulletins and concordiabible.org for more information



Read the Bible in a Year

Looking to add to your devotions this year? Or simply want to accomplish the goal of reading the Bible in a year? Follow along with the calendar below! A new calendar will be sent in each newsletter.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Luke 2:29-32 Exodus 1-3
2 Psalm 59 Exodus 4-6	3 Psalm 60 Exodus 7-9	4 Psalm 61 Exodus 10-12	5 Psalm 62 Exodus 13-15	6 Psalm 63 Exodus 16-18	7 Psalm 64 Exodus 19-21	8 Psalm 65 Exodus 22-24
9 Psalm 66 Exodus 25-27	10 Psalm 67 Exodus 28-30	11 Psalm 68 Exodus 31-33	12 Psalm 69 Exodus 34-36	13 Psalm 70 Exodus 37-38	14 Psalm 71 Exodus 39-40	15 Psalm 72 Leviticus 1-3
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23 Psalm 80 Lev. 25-27	24 Psalm 81 Numbers 1-3	25 Psalm 82 Numbers 4-6	26 Psalm 83 Numbers 7-9	27 Psalm 84 Numbers 10-12	28 Luke 2:29-32 Numbers 13-15	29 Your Choice



The Bible in Ruins

Rev. Dr. Nathan Jastram

Saturday, February 29, 2020

9:30 am

Pilgrim Lutheran Church
462 Meadowbrook Drive
West Bend, WI

Though many people think of the Bible as a book of myths and religious speculation, it claims to be a book of reality, speaking of real people, cities, and nations, and God's actions in real history. Come see how ancient ruins discovered through archaeology support the reality of biblical claims.



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Questions? Contact Pastor Fisher revjfisher@charter.net or 262-305-1663

CBI Spring Seminar



Saturday, May 2, 2020

Mark your calendar for the Spring Seminar. Come experience a full day of inwardly digesting God's word with Dr. David Scaer, Professor of Biblical and Systematic Theology from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN. This event will be held on the Concordia Mequon campus.

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In honor of Rev. Dr. John Saleska's legacy of teaching "Christ in Every Word" among us, CBI has established "The Concordia Bible Institute Saleska Scholarship Endowment," whose purpose is to provide financial assistance to pre-seminary students at Concordia University Wisconsin. In an age of biblical illiteracy, it is hoped that this endowment will help future pastors carry forward Dr. Saleska's lifelong conviction of teaching "Christ in Every Word" as they read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the Scriptures.



Please join me in spreading the word about the origination of this endowment and by praying for its growth. For ways to contribute, please visit <http://www.concordiabible.org/contribute/> and designate "Saleska Scholarship Endowment" on your method of giving.

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