

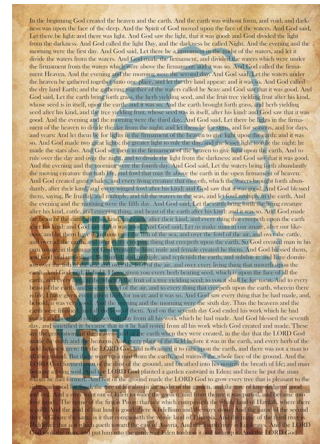


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"For the whole Christ is in every word and wholly in each individual word.

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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The Enoch Walk

It's fairly well known that Cain and Abel are the first two children of Adam and Eve to be named in the Bible. But do you know who is the next descendant that the Bible records? It's not Seth, another son of Adam and Eve we'll mention again in a moment, but actually a son of *Cain*. After Cain kills Abel and the Lord puts a mark on Cain, we're then told that "Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore *Enoch*. When he built a city, he called the name of the city after the name of his son, Enoch" (Gen. 4:17).

So, Cain has a son named Enoch, and after Cain builds a city, he names that city "Enoch." This is kind of a big deal. City building in Genesis usually doesn't go well; think of the tower of Babel as a prime example. The "good guys" of Genesis—those living by faith—prefer to dwell in tents. Noah dwells in a tent (Gen. 9:21). Shem has tents (Gen. 9:27). Abram is always moving around in a tent (Gen. 12:8; 13:18), and Jacob would even be known for "dwelling in tents" (Gen. 25:27). Why? Because they're strangers here. They know their "citizenship is in heaven" (Phil. 3:20). They take up their tents and follow the God who himself prefers to tent among us in the person of his Son (Jn. 1:14).

Only after we get a genealogy for *this* Enoch (in Gen. 4:18–24) do we return to Adam and Eve and learn that they have another son named Seth (Gen. 4:26). What amazes me

is that the next chapter begins with yet another genealogy, but this time for Adam and Eve, and without even mentioning Cain and Abel! “This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created. When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth” (Gen. 5:1–3).

It’s as if the whole Cain-and-Abel thing never even happened. Let’s start again fresh, from the top. Yes, sin is now a reality, but in some way we can still participate in the goodness of Genesis 1 all over again: a new beginning, a new birth, a baptismal recording of God’s people from here on out.

This genealogy revolves around *another* Enoch, a second Enoch, or as the book of Jude puts it in perfectionist perspective, “Enoch, the *seventh* from Adam” (Jude 1:14). This Enoch is much different than the first one. “Enoch walked with God after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years. Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him” (Gen. 5:22–24).

And there you have it: the Bible presents you with two vastly different Enochs. One is associated with building earthly dwelling places, growing roots here in this world, with bigger barns and bigger banks accounts, while the second is strongly associated with walking with God before being received into eternal dwellings (Lk 16:9). In fact, this Enoch is the first human being in the Bible said to “walk,” and that’s because he walks by faith and not by two legs (see Heb 11:5).

Martin Luther once told a group of his students that God took Enoch before physical death because he wanted every successive generation from this early time onward to know that there’s much more going on than just this earthly life, even “the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting” (Nicene Creed). When you walk with God, lower-case-“d” death is hardly even a thing. It was as if God just couldn’t wait to taste the end-times feast before everyone sat down at the table.

Little wonder, then, that the next person said to walk in the Bible is Noah: “Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. *Noah walked with God*” (Gen. 6:9). Even with many more years of earthly life ahead of him, he’s already walking the Enoch walk, the walk of resurrected life. *And the same goes for you:* “We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, *we too might walk in newness of life*” (Rom. 6:4).

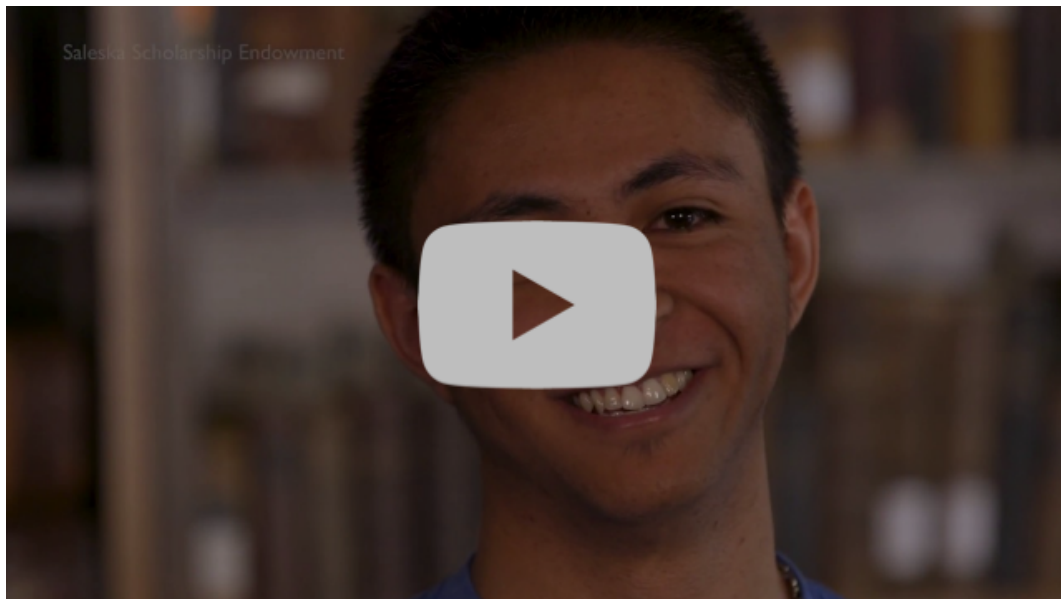
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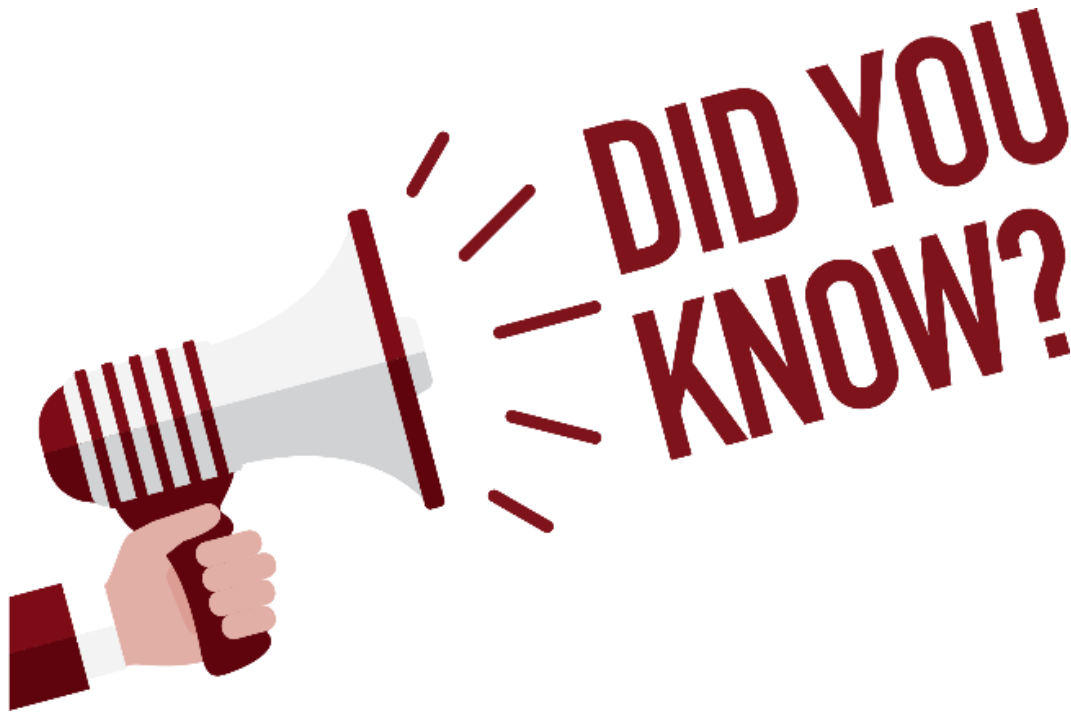
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