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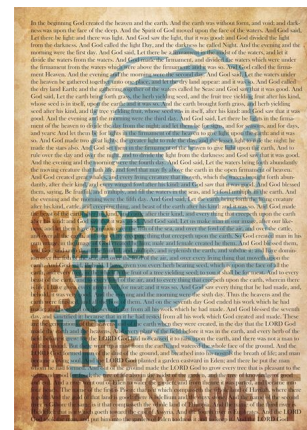


CBI e-Bulletin

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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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Dust to Dust

The season of Lent is upon us. You may have recently had ashes traced on your forehead and heard those familiar words, “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return” (from Gen. 3:19).

This has me wondering how else the word “dust” is used in the Bible. You’ll likely recall that Adam was “formed...of dust from the ground” (Gen. 2:7), and you probably won’t be surprised to hear that dust is often used to depict sin and mortality (see, for example, Gen. 18:27 and Job 42:6). But there’s quite a bit more...

After Adam and Eve fell into sin, the Lord first curses the serpent, and it goes like this: “cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and *dust you shall eat all the days of your life*” (Gen. 3:14). Did you catch that? Dust, the very stuff of sin and mortality, is what the serpent is forced to consume, again and again (“all the days of your life”). Just moments after the fall, the Lord uses dust to show how death will be consumed by death (see Heb. 2:14).

Meanwhile, we suffer the effects of our condition. As the psalmist puts it, “our soul is bowed down to the dust; our belly clings to the ground” (Ps. 44:25). Does this business of “dust” and “belly” sound familiar? That’s right: sin brings along with it a bad case of serpent-itis, or the desire to cling to the very stuff that causes death.

But thanks be to God that “he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust” (Ps. 103:14). He knows our frailty, and he has given us the medicine of immortality even right now. As another psalmist puts it, “my soul clings to the dust; give me life *according to your word*” (Ps 119:25). Healthier living and more donations and better love of neighbor are all fine things, but the only remedy for our mortality is God’s word.

And the Word was made the stuff of dust to give us new life! “Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven” (1 Cor. 15:49). As an Old Testament guy, I’ll let Isaiah have the last word on this one: “Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise. *You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy!*” (Is. 26:19; see also Dan. 12:2).

In that one little word “dust,” then, is really the story of the Christian life. As we enter this Lenten season, we certainly remember that we are dust and to dust we shall return, but we also confess that this same dust will be raised to new *bodily* life!

Dr. Brian German
Director of the Concordia Bible Institute

Upcoming Events

Spring In-Depth Bible Studies:

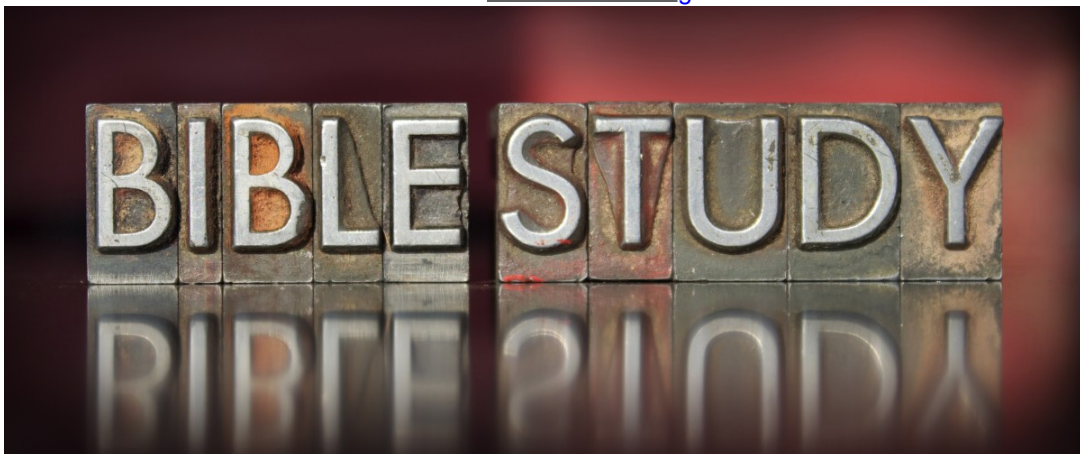
- March 2** - Dr. Gregory Schulz: "Christ and His Church Contra Postmodernism: Part II"
March 9 - Dr. Jason Soenksen: "The Book of Nahum"
March 23 - Dr. Aaron Moldenhauer: "Reading Galatians with Luther"
March 30 - Dr. Harald Tomesch: "The Doxology of the Lord's Prayer"
April 6 - Dr. Brian German: "The Unholy Trinity of Revelation"

6:30pm to 8:30pm
Friends of Concordia Room
Concordia University, Mequon, WI

\$20 suggested
CUW Students/Faculty/Staff Free
Group Rates Available


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
		March				
1 Isaiah 64:1-9 Numbers 16-18	2 Psalm 85 Numbers 19-21	3 Psalm 86 Num. 22-24	4 Psalm 87 Num. 25-27	5 Psalm 88 Num. 28-30	6 Psalm 89 Num. 31-33	7 Psalm 90 Num. 34-36
8 Psalm 91 Deut. 1-3	9 Psalm 92 Deut. 4-6	10 Psalm 93 Deut. 7-9	11 Psalm 94 Deut. 10-12	12 Psalm 95 Deut. 13-15	13 Psalm 96 Deut. 16-18	14 Psalm 97 Deut. 19-21
15 Psalm 98 Deut. 22-24	16 Psalm 99 Deut. 25-27	17 Psalm 100 Deut. 28-30	18 Psalm 101 Deut. 31-34	19 Psalm 102 Luke 1	20 Psalm 103 Luke 2-3	21 Psalm 104 Luke 4-5
22 Psalm 105 Luke 6-7	23 Psalm 106 Luke 8-9	24 Psalm 107 Luke 10-11	25 Psalm 108 Luke 12-13	26 Psalm 109 Luke 14-15	27 Psalm 110 Luke 16-17	28 Psalm 111 Luke 18-19
29 Psalm 112 Luke 20-21	30 Psalm 113 Luke 22	31 Isaiah 64:1-9 Luke 23-24				

CBI Spring Seminar



Saturday, May 2, 2020

On Saturday, May 2, Dr. David P. Scaer of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana will make an all day presentation on the Sermon on the Mount. Scaer put forth his views in his book *The Sermon on the Mount: The Church's First Statement of the Gospel* published by Concordia Publishing House in 2000 which as the title indicates sees this treasured section of Matthew (chapter 3 - 5) as descriptions of the lives of believers in the community of believers. Ideas put forth in *The Sermon on the Mount* are further developed in the remainder of the gospel of Matthew especially as this section of Matthew pertains to Christ himself. These thoughts are set

forth in Scaer's *Discourses in Matthew: Jesus Teaches the Church* in 2004, also published by Concordia Publishing House. In the Confessional Lutheran Dogmatic Series he is the author of the volumes on *Christology* (1989), *Baptism* (1999), and *The Law and the Gospel and the Means of Grace* (2008). He recently published his life story in *Surviving the Storms: The Memoirs of David P. Scaer* (427 pages) available in hardcover and kindle from Amazon and paperback from lulu. This book contains his extensive bibliography. His service at the seminary spans 54 years and for the last 20 years has been "The Scaer Professor of Biblical and Theological Theology." Serving as an instructor in dogmatic theology, his greatest love is for the gospels and he is currently working on a manuscript on the resurrection of Jesus. He and his wife Dorothy will be celebrating 60 years of marriage in June and have five children. Attendees are encouraged to bring their Bibles. Pastors may want to bring their Greek New Testaments. This event will be held on the Concordia Mequon campus.

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Saleska Scholarship Endowment

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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