



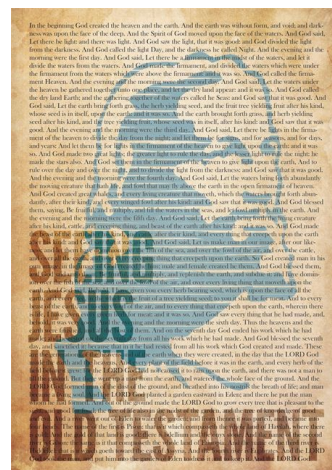
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*Christ in Every Word*

# CBI e-Bulletin

## March 2022

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.



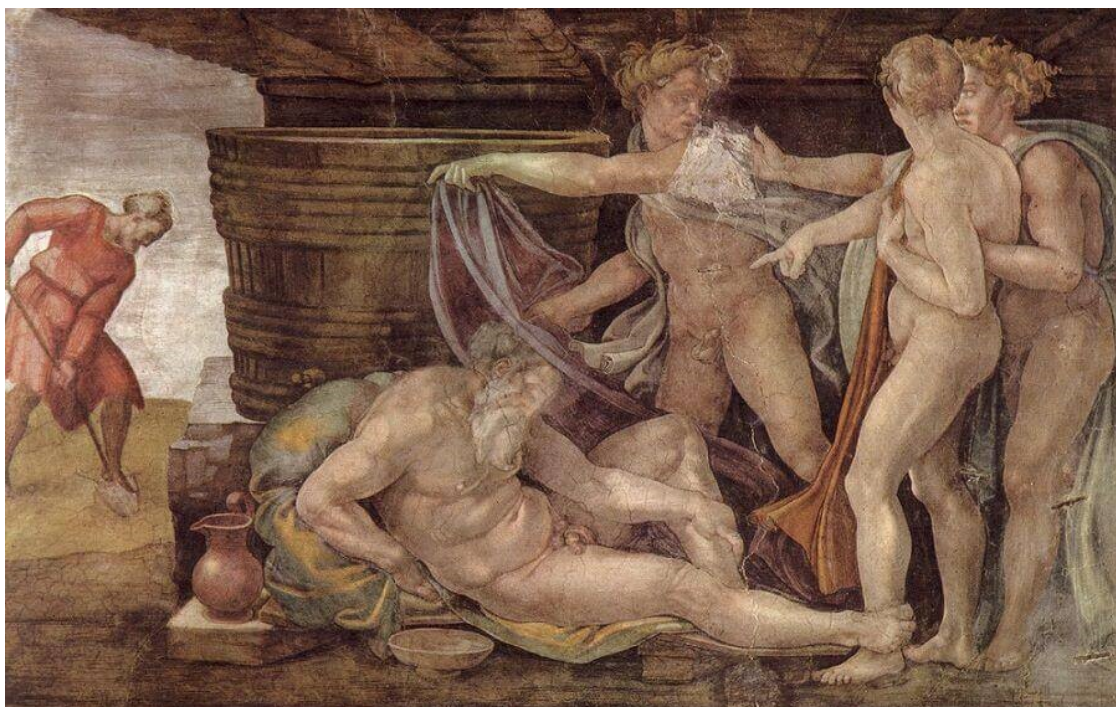
"For the whole Christ is in every word and wholly in each individual word.

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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## The Drunkenness of Noah

It's an odd story, isn't it? The account of Noah's ark may be a favorite for children's books and Hollywood movies, but what happens soon after the rainbow dissipates doesn't make the highlight reel.

It starts like this: "The sons of Noah who went forth from the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the people of the whole earth were dispersed" (Gen 9:18–19).

So far, so good. All of humanity will now derive from Shem, Ham, and Japheth. We'll return to this in a moment.

"Noah began to be a man of the soil, and he planted a vineyard. He drank of the wine and became drunk and lay uncovered in his tent" (Gen 9:20–21).

Scandalous! But does it sound familiar? Working the ground. Nakedness. Soon in the narrative we'll have a garment, and after that mention of a curse. We might be on the other side of the flood, but this turn of events sounds like a trip back to Eden.

To have a vineyard is to have a staple item of the promised land (see esp. Deut. 6:11). And while wine may be one of God's good gifts (Ps. 104:15), because of original sin, we can't even handle the good things anymore. Here's some food, but we'll eat too much. Here's some physical exercise, but we'll idolize our physical

health.

The story of Noah's drunkenness is our story: delivered from the flood of sin, death, and the devil, we soon chase after paradise on our own terms, only to be exposed for doing so. The refrain for tomorrow's Ash Wednesday service could very well be "Naked you were, and naked you shall return."

"And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside. Then Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned backward, and they did not see their father's nakedness" (Gen 9:22-23).

While Ham tells (literally "declares") the sin of his father to those on the "outside," the other two sons of Noah refuse to revel in it. They don't slander him, make excuses for him, or even say anything about him. Their top priority is *bringing a garment to the situation*, much like how God once clothed Adam and Eve in Eden. They walk by faith, and not by sight (2 Cor 5:7), just as we are called to do.

In Noah's three sons, then, are two different approaches to original sin: use it for one's own purposes, or bring a garment to it; there's no third option or neutral zone. The account of Noah's drunkenness bids us anew this Lenten journey to reflect on how we can best cover a particular sin—no matter how shameful, serious, or convoluted—with the garment of Christ's righteousness.

Naked we are, and naked we shall return, but "for as many of you as were baptized into Christ, you have been *clothed with Christ*" (Gal 3:27).

Dr. Brian German  
Director of the Concordia Bible Institute

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# Seeing the Resurrection Today



The accounts of Jesus' resurrection are often seen as describing something that happened a long time ago. That may be true, but the greatest part of these narratives is how they put the resurrection right into the church's worship of all times and places. Come take a fresh look at these beloved texts on the following dates with Dr. Brian German, Associate Professor of Theology at Concordia University Wisconsin and Director of the Concordia Bible Institute.

***May 3, 10, and 17 from 6:30–8pm  
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Thank you! Blessings in Christ,

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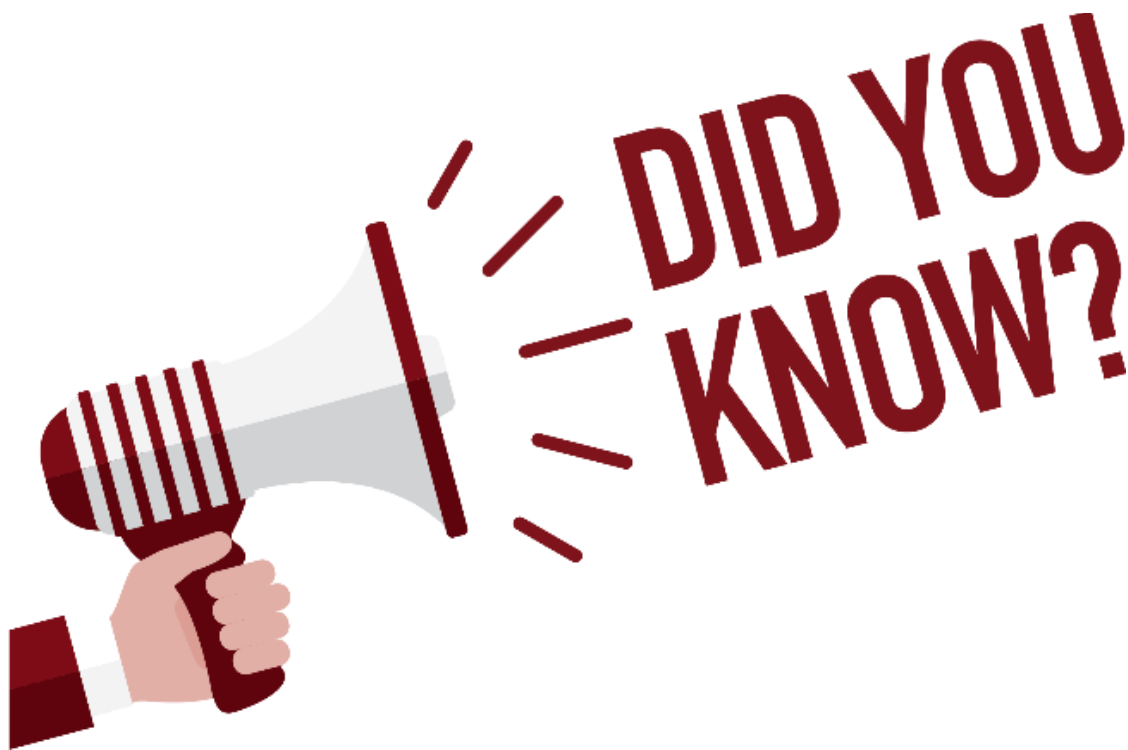
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| Sunday                               | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday                             | Thursday                                 | Friday  | Saturday                             |
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|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



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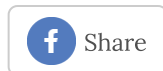
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