

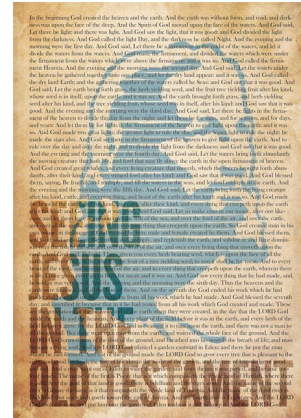


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Welcome to this month's edition of the Concordia Bible Institute (CBI) e-Bulletin.

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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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## Blessed Is the Man

A couple years ago I wrote an e-Bulletin article reflecting on how Psalm 1 is a fitting introduction to the book of Psalms (this was in the October 2018 edition, for what it's worth). Recently I was assigned to preach on this same psalm and was struck by how it speaks of "the way of the righteous" (Ps. 1:6). Have you ever wondered what this "way" is all about? Either way (no pun intended), this psalm may surprise you!

Let's start from the top: "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers..." (Ps. 1:1). Interestingly, the way of the righteous is first described by what it *doesn't* do: *not* the counsel of the wicked, *not* the way of sinners, *not* the seat of scoffers. With all those negatives in there, one gets the impression that the other way, "the way of the wicked" (Ps. 1:6), is by far the more common way, the way that must continually be refused. Jesus once said: "The way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many" (Matt. 7:13). The first thing we learn about the way of the righteous, then, is that it *stands firm* against the more popular way. (Note also how the way of the wicked is described in Ps. 1:4 as chaff before the wind, floating around without any grounding at all.)

The next thing we learn about the way of the righteous is this: "His delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night" (Ps. 1:2). Fascinatingly, here's a *way* that involves *returning* again and again—day and night—back to the same place! You might think of the way of the righteous as a running track that keeps coming back again and again to the same starting point. A little ways out into our vocation, and then back again to God's word. Then repeat.

Finally, the way of the righteous is also described “like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither” (Ps. 1:3). Once again Psalm 1 depicts a way that’s planted, grounded, and not moving anywhere. The way of the righteous is really rooted!

From all this we can see how the way of the righteous is more of a *place* than a path, more of a *junction* than a journey. Why is this way like this? Well, because *the way* is actually a Person (Jn. 14:6)!

Yes, stay *rooted* in Christ, and you are most certainly on the righteous way. In fact, let’s reconsider the “blessed man” of Psalm 1 along these lines: “Blessed is the man who walks not in the distant heavens, nor stands only in equality with God, nor sits at his Father’s right hand until the job is done. But his delight is in *you*, and on *you* he meditates day and night. His crucified body is a tree, planted in you by streams of baptismal water, that yields the fruits of the Spirit at the proper time, and his purposes for you will not wither. In all that he does with you, *you prosper*.”

What a *way* to go!

Dr. Brian German  
Director of the Concordia Bible Institute

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Exodus 15:1-18 Hosea 8-10	2 Psalm 122 Hosea 11-14	3 Psalm 123 Joel	4 Psalm 124 Amos 1-5	5 Psalm 125 Amos 6-9	6 Psalm 126 Obadiah, Jonah	7 Psalm 127 Micah 1-3
8 Psalm 128 Micah 4-7	9 Psalm 129 Nahum	10 Psalm 130 Habakkuk	11 Psalm 131 Zephaniah	12 Psalm 132 Haggai	13 Psalm 133 Zechariah 1-5	14 Psalm 134 Zechariah 6-10
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