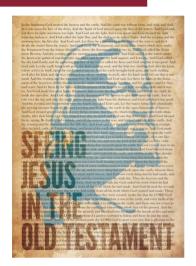


## CBI e-Bulletin September 2019

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.

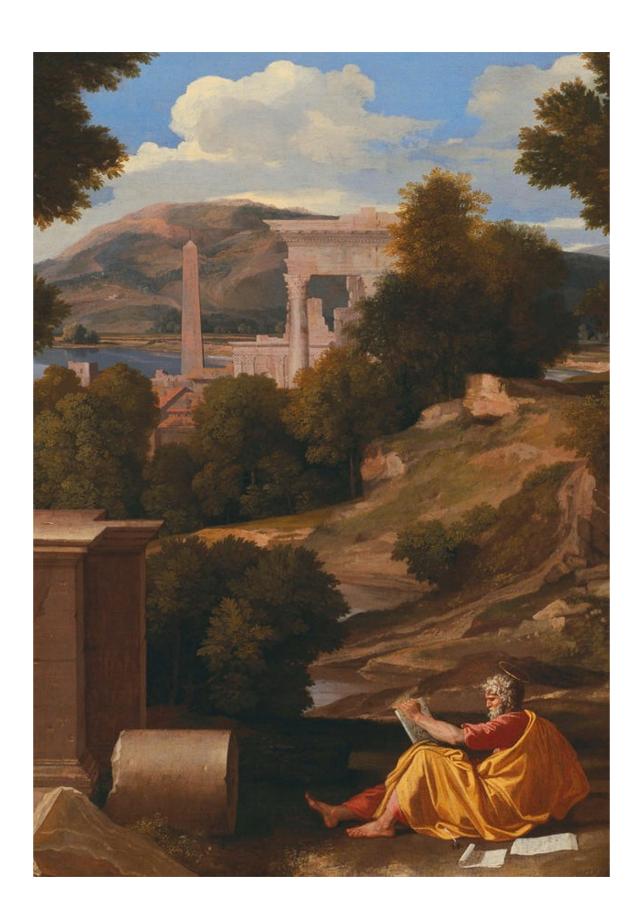


"For the whole Christ is in every word and wholly in each individual word. When He is denied, therefore, in one word, He is totally denied, for He is in every word."

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

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# Introducing Revelation with Revelation's Introduction

Have you ever been asked about the book of Revelation? If you've read or studied the book at some point and were asked for a brief description of it, what would you say? To be sure, there are many ways of going about it, but I'd like to show how the book's own introduction goes a long way toward answering such questions.

The first verse of Revelation reads as follows: "The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John" (Rev. 1:1).

What a statement! There are at least three crucial things, I think, that this opening verse reveals (no pun intended!) to us about the book of Revelation.

First, let's focus on the word "revelation." It comes from the Greek word "apocalypse" (from which we get "apocalyptic," etc.), which means to reveal or uncover. This word alone implies that the book of Revelation is not some sort of afterthought on God's part or any kind of surprise ending to the Bible but a book that shows us what has been, what is, and what will be. There's a lot more going on than what meets the eye, in other words, and Revelation gives us a priceless glimpse into that reality.

Second, did you notice how this "revealing" comes to us? We're told that God gave it to Jesus, who sent his angel to make it known to his servant John, who is then expected to show it to God's servants. That's right: it's God—Jesus—angel—John—servants. This is one of many ways that the book of Revelation shows us not only how the heavenly comes to us but also how we, as God's servants still on earth, are already participating in what is heavenly.

Finally, notice how the book of Revelation begins with "The revelation of Jesus Christ." Is this a book that reveals Jesus to us, or a revelation that Jesus makes known to us? The answer, as you may have guessed, is both! Jesus is both the *content* of Revelation and the *means* whereby Revelation is made known to us. Allow me to put this in terms of CBI's tagline: "Christ in every word, and Christ revealing every word."

What a rich introduction we have, then, in how the book of Revelation introduces itself! God's blessings to you as you continue to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the sacred Scriptures.

Dr. Brian German
Director of the Concordia Bible Institute

## **Upcoming Events**

#### Fall CBI Seminar:

## "The Beauty of God's Gifts"

Featuring Rev. Dr. Dean Wenthe

Saturday, October 12, 2019

8:45 - Registration and Coffee Hour

9:10 - Welcome & Introduction

9:15 – 10:15 – The Beauty of God's Creation

10:15 - 10:30 - Q & A

10:30 - 10:45 - Break

10:45 – 11:45 – The Beauty of God's Salvation in Christ

11:45 - 12:00 - Q & A

12:00 – 1:00 – Lunch Break (lunch included)

1:00-2:00 – The Beauty of God's Future for Those in Christ

2:00 - 2:15 - Q & A

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#### Fall In-Depth Bible Studies:

September 9 - Dr. John Kleinig - "The Key to the Book of Hebrews"

September 16 - Prof. Brad Alles - "Daniel 7: 4 Kingdoms & The King of Kings"

**September 23** – Prof. Brian Mosemann – "The Art of Law and Gospel Distinction"

**September 30** – Dr. Daniel Paavola – "Word Pictures of the New Testament: Bible Study Treasures from A.T. Robertson"

October 7 - Dr. Brian German - "A Close Look at Revelation 7"

October 14 – Dr. Nathan Jastram – "The Evolution of the Bible"

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!

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## 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	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 Chron. 29:10-13 Job 31-33	Psalm 86 Job 34-36 Happy Labor Day!	Psalm 87 Job 37-39	Psalm 88 Job 40-42	Psalm 89 Proverbs 1-3	Psalm 90 Proverbs 4-7	Psalm 91 Proverbs 8-10
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Psalm 92 Proverbs 11-13	Psalm 93 Proverbs 14-16	Psalm 94 Proverbs 17-19	Psalm 95 Prov. 20-22	Psalm 96 Prov. 23-25	Psalm 97 Prov. 26-28	Psalm 98 Prov. 29-31
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Psalm 99 Ecclesiastes 1-3	Psalm 100 Eccl. 4-6	Psalm 101 Eccl. 7-9	Psalm 102 Eccl. 10-12	Psalm 103 Song of Solomon 1-4	Psalm 104 Song of Solomon 5-8	Psalm 105 Jeremiah 1-3
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Psalm 106 Jeremiah 4-6	Psalm 107 Jeremiah 7-9	Psalm 108 Jeremiah 10-12	Psalm 109 Jeremiah 13-15	Psalm 110 Jeremiah 16-18	Psalm 111 Jeremiah 19-22	Psalm 112 Jeremiah 23-25
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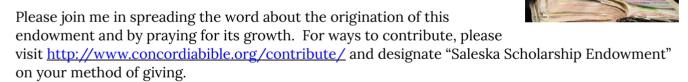
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### Saleska Scholarship Endowment

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.



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