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NT Wright is an author that many are excited about and many are frustrated by. There is good reason for both. NT Wright is a serious scholar and he has helped reinvigorate serious scholarship about the New Testament that is focused on orthodox Christianity. The main theological frustration, especially for a particular group of Reformed, is that he has focused on Paul and interpreted Paul as not being primarily focused on Jesus’ Penal Substitution. He has not ignored Penal Substitution, or said it is not a real part of Christianity, but he has said the focus of Paul is not on Jesus’ penal substitution, but on Jesus as King and restorer. That major focus on Wright’s work is front and center
Simply Good News opens with a series of illustrations that contrast the gospel as news with the gospel as advice. Wright wants readers to embrace the gospel as news, good news. The modern gospel, Wright suggests, amounts to mere advice - "say a prayer and you'll be saved. You won't go to hell; you'll go to heaven. Here's how to do it"--a truncated (and ultimately misshapen) view of the real gospel. Wright pushes against the all too common practice of abstracting a collection of timeless truths (or advice) about salvation from Scripture and calling it "the gospel." The real gospel, Wright contends, comes as news about Jesus rooted in a history complete with a backstory and heralded as an event with important personal entailments and social implications--some immediate and others forthcoming. Implicit in his distinction between news and advice, Wright wants Christians to rethink how they see (and explain) the gospel. For Wright, reducing the gospel to advice (such as "five steps to salvation") hardly does justice to the robust nature of the news about Jesus's life, death, resurrection and exaltation and boards on misrepresenting the biblical emphasis. "For something to qualify as news," Wright says, "there has to be (1) an announcement of an event that has happened; (2) a larger context, a backstory, within which this makes sense; (3) a sudden unveiling of the new future that lies ahead; and (4) a transformation of the present moment, sitting between the event that has happened and the future event that therefore will happen.

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