

Discussion:
N.T. Wright, “Christian Hope in a Confusing World.”

1. Before you begin the video, Read the passage (Colossians 1:9-23) and discuss. Considering what we’ve been talking about in this class, what is the *hope* that Paul is talking about?

2. Wright talks about Nero’s Empire, the British Empire, and others. What “Empires” or “Kingdoms” have people put their hope and trust into in our Era?

3. In his teaching about the resurrection, Wright says that in the resurrection, Jesus has “Achieved the renewal of the whole cosmos.” This is a big theological statement. Do you agree with this? Why or why not? How would you modify it?

4. Jesus in his resurrection “anticipated New Creation.” He also says that we can anticipate that new creation in our own lives, today. How do we go about doing that...
 - ... In our own lives (personally)?
 - ... Through how we live our lives (publicly)?

5. Wright talks about politics. He says, “The early Christians continually held up the mirror of truth to power.” Are Christians effectively doing this in our day and age? Why or why not? How can we take up that calling in a living way?