

**SURPRISING GOOD NEWS**

***Euangelion***

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The good news is that the one true God has now taken charge of the world, in and through Jesus and his death and resurrection. The ancient hopes have indeed been fulfilled, but in a way nobody imagined. God's plan to put the world right has finally been launched...The good news was, and is, that all this has happened in and through Jesus; that one day it will happen, completely and utterly, to all creation; and that we humans, every single one of us, whoever we are, can be caught up in that transformation here and now. This is the Christian gospel.

NT Wright

Jesus' good news - his gospel - is simply this: the Kingdom of God has now, through Jesus, become available for ordinary human beings to

John Ortberg

The good news that God himself has come to rescue us from sin and to renew the world through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and to establish his kingdom through his people in the power of the Holy Spirit.

# **SURPRISING DISCIPLESHIP**



**We must...do nothing less than engage in a radical rethinking of the Christian conception of salvation...what we present What you present as the gospel (salvation), will determine what you present as discipleship.**

**Dallas Willard**

# **The Gospels of Sin Management**

# **The Personal Salvation Gospel**

# **The Social Gospel**

What happens...constantly in those who turn to the political or cultural process in the world as their way of doing kingdom work...Christ becomes a symbol of a way of life...the ethic of Jesus is reduced to secular analogies, and in so doing everything central to Jesus—the cross, the resurrection, atonement, new birth, the church, or judgment—evaporates into happened-also-to-believe-or-not-believe tenets; and culture can be redeemed by the efforts of humans and the political process apart from, and even against, the Christian theology of salvation and new birth. Kingdom work becomes altogether the act of humans.

Furthermore, the church plays absolutely no role except insofar as it supports social activism. The location of God's work is in the world. In essence, the church gets replaced by Washington, DC, and the ethic of Jesus is translated into Western liberalism's noble ideals. Kingdom work, then, is when good people do good deeds in the public sector for the common good.

Scot McKnight

**Discipleship is about life here  
and now in the kingdom with  
Jesus**

**Discipleship means living in the  
tension of the now & not yet**