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Book Review



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Whenever a new Bible translation or edition is published, readers can question whether or not a new one is needed. That is a question that will have to be answered by the individual; however, the third edition of N.T. Wright's *New Testament for Everyone* does offer new ways of translating the biblical text and helpful introductions to each book. Although Wright states that this Bible is a translation rather than a paraphrase, he maintains that the point is to make it less formal and literal and to read like a novel for today's audience. He calls this version a "fresh" translation and its purpose is to be a contemporary version for the Christian community today and not for the generations that will follow.

This edition makes minor changes to Wright's earlier standalone New Testament, which itself took the translation from his *The New Testament for Everyone* series. As stated, this edition includes brief, one- to two-page introductions and maps throughout to place the reader within the Greco-Roman world. To show the style of the translation, readers can compare the well-known verse John 3:16 to a version they are more familiar with: "This, you see, is how much God loved the world: enough to give his only, special son, so that everyone who believes in him should not be lost but should share in the life of God's new age."

The New Testament for Everyone is a worthwhile addition for those looking for a fresh read of the New Testament and who do not already have Wright's *New Testament for Everyone* or the first two editions of this New Testament entitled *The Kingdom New Testament*. However, with minimal book introductions and a lack of study notes or cross references, there are some elements that are missing for those looking for an in-depth study Bible.

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