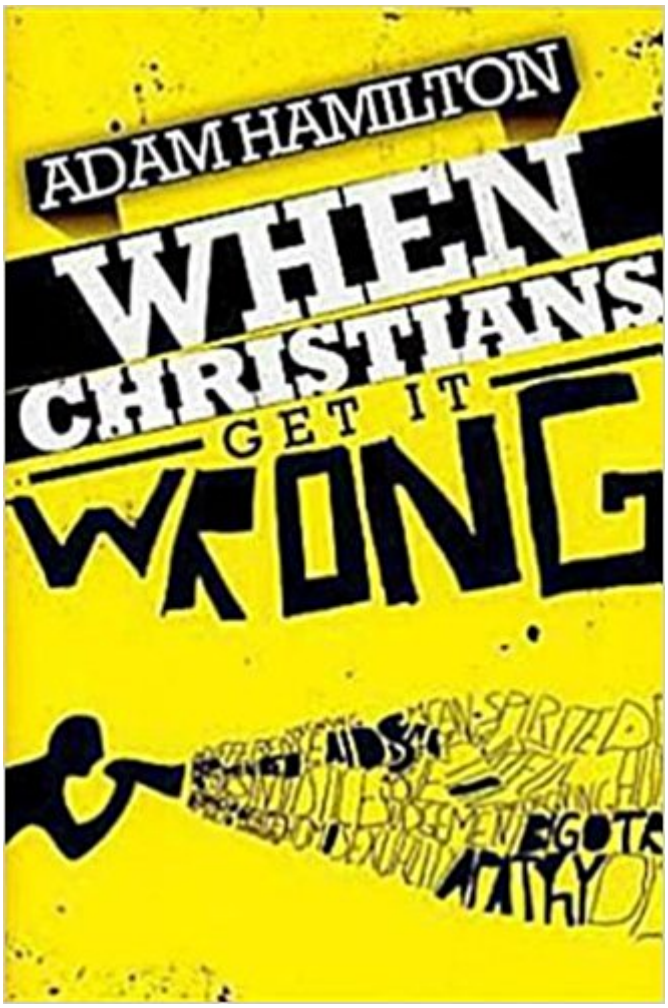
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When Christians Get It Wrong (2010)



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Synopsis

More and more young adults have opted out of Christianity and the church. The reason? Christians. When young adults talk about the problems they have with Christianity and the church, they often name certain attitudes and behaviors they believe are practiced too often by Christians: judging others, condemning people of other faiths, rejecting science, injecting politics into faith, and being anti-homosexual. With his familiar style, Adam Hamilton tackles these issues and addresses the howÃ¢â ¬â„¢s and whyÃ¢â ¬â„¢s of Christians getting it right when it comes to being Christ in the world. Those who readÃ Â When Christians Get It WrongÃ Â will gain a different way of understanding the issues that keep people away from Christianity and keep Christians from living a more compelling faith. Because, honestly, if we donÃ¢â ¬â„¢t start getting it right, we may lose an entire generation.

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Customer Reviews

Adam Hamilton is senior pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, one of the fastest growing, most highly visible churches in the country. The Church Report named HamiltonÃ¢â ¬â„¢s congregation the most influential mainline church in America, and he preached at the National Prayer Service as part of the presidential inauguration festivities in 2013 and was appointed to the President's Advisory Council on Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships.Hamilton is the best-selling and award-winning author of Creed, Half Truths, The Call, The Journey, The Way, 24 Hours That Changed the World, John, Revival, Not a Silent Night, Enough, When Christians Get It Wrong, and Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White, all

published by Abingdon Press. Learn more about Adam Hamilton at AdamHamilton.org.

Ok so I am only to chapter two but man Adam Hamilton is nailing it. This book is a great reminder that although we get it wrong sometimes it’s never too late to get it right. Let’s be real Authentic Christians and love for all the right reasons! ÃƒÂ Ã Å¸Ã â™Ã â¢

Awesome book. Truly a must read for Christians who want to reach others for Christ. Love the way Adam writes his book, very understandable.

Great read clarifying what some believe being a Christian is. Great insights as how to not "hate in the name of God" (my words not from the book).Great gift to give to your more Hardline Christian family and friends.

Our adult Sunday School used this and we were very pleased at the video and group questions. Thought provoking and useful for teaching.Adam Hamilton does a great job of addressing real life subjects and following through with real life answers. We have used his material before and never been disappointed.

This book make you really look at how you interact with others and think about what kind of impression you might leave on others in your daily life. "You might be the only Bible someone ever reads," really makes you stop and think about what we are doing and how our actions can be viewed by others. A great book and an easy read. - Michelle

I was raised Catholic and have long since left the Church, or I guess I could say the Church left me, making it abundantly clear that I was unwanted. I am not a Christian at this point, nor do I have a belief in Christ that Christianity would require. Nevertheless since this religion is so prevalent in the society I live in, I strive to know its trends and issues.When Christians Get it Wrong is not only an important book, it soothes the souls of those who have been rejected and hurt and harmed by the sort of Christianity that has become all too prevalent in modern day society (I’ve heard it distinguished from the Christianity Christ taught by calling it Leviticism or Christianism). Adam Hamilton targets 5 areas that are most cited by the young adults who are either leaving organized Christianity or uninterested in joining, voting with their feet against the way they perceive Christians to think and behave.The main issues are: hypocrisy and acting in "unChristian" ways, beliefs about

other religions, political involvement and anti-science, anti-homosexual views, and the question of where God is when suffering happens.The last question is an eternal one that doesn't quite fit with the rest of the book and the author comes up with as good an answer as I've ever seen to it; however, I was much more intrigued by his addressing of the other 4 issues, because I agree with the young adults surveyed that all four things leave a bad taste in the mouths of many viewing Christianity (particularly the Christianity that grabs all the oxygen in the room these days). The author addresses each one humbly, and in all cases agrees that the behaviors perceived have been present. He argues that that isn't ALL that's there and gives inspiring anecdotes of people acting in truly Christian ways who aren't in the limelight. Moreover, he analyzes the beliefs and the sources of those beliefs that lead to such ugly words and behaviors, and shows that Christian beliefs do not in any way require one to act in such ways, and in many cases actually require the opposite.I wasn't entirely satisfied with his answers in the anti-homosexuality chapter because I have a feeling he was soft-pedaling what he really believes in the interest of gaining a sympathetic hearing, but he still expressed far more empathy and understanding of the pain of young adults raised as good Christians and who still believe, but who thus believe that they are broken or damned because they have turned out to be non-heterosexual or non-gender-normative. In all cases he shows that the core beliefs of Christianity do not require the rigid stances that lead to the alienation of so many, and the belief that Christianity stands for prejudice, hypocrisy, ignorance and hate.I think that Hamilton does a very good job of addressing both audiences he targets: those who have been alienated by modern Christianity/Christianism and those inside Christianity who have been contributing to that perception, or at least remaining silent while those who do forward that view do all the speaking.I wasn't converted by the book in any way, but I was inspired to act in my own life more according to the core values Jesus promoted, which doesn't in any way conflict with my current spiritual path. And I was reassured that there are pastors like Adam Hamilton who are willing to speak out honestly about the harm some of his co-religionists do to other humans inside and outside of their churches.I probably would not have read this book if it cost more than the .99 cent Kindle price I bought it at, but it was well worth it. It's a quick read, too; I read it in a few hours but will probably look back at it in the future. I hope it finds a wide audience and I would love to see someone like Adam Hamilton replacing some of the usual "talking head" suspects who speak for Christians on the news and in the media.

I thought Reverend Hamilton's sermon series turned into a book was really nice. I saw a video promoting the book and as a college aged student, felt compelled to read it. I was very pleased with

what Rev. Hamilton had to say. My only disappointment was the level of language used in this book. I feel as though such simple language is effective in communicating to the masses but I would get frustrated at times with the elementary language used. (Maybe this is a consequence of being in such an academic environment!) This very easy to read book would have been better if he further articulated his points but I enjoyed it nonetheless and would recommended this books to EVERYONE. To non-Christians, it says, "Hey, we're not all the same." To different minded Christians, it says, "Hey, consider this line of theology." And to like minded Christians, it says, "Hey, you're not alone." A great read for everyone of all ages 8-80!

Book answered a lot of questions I had. Easy read.

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