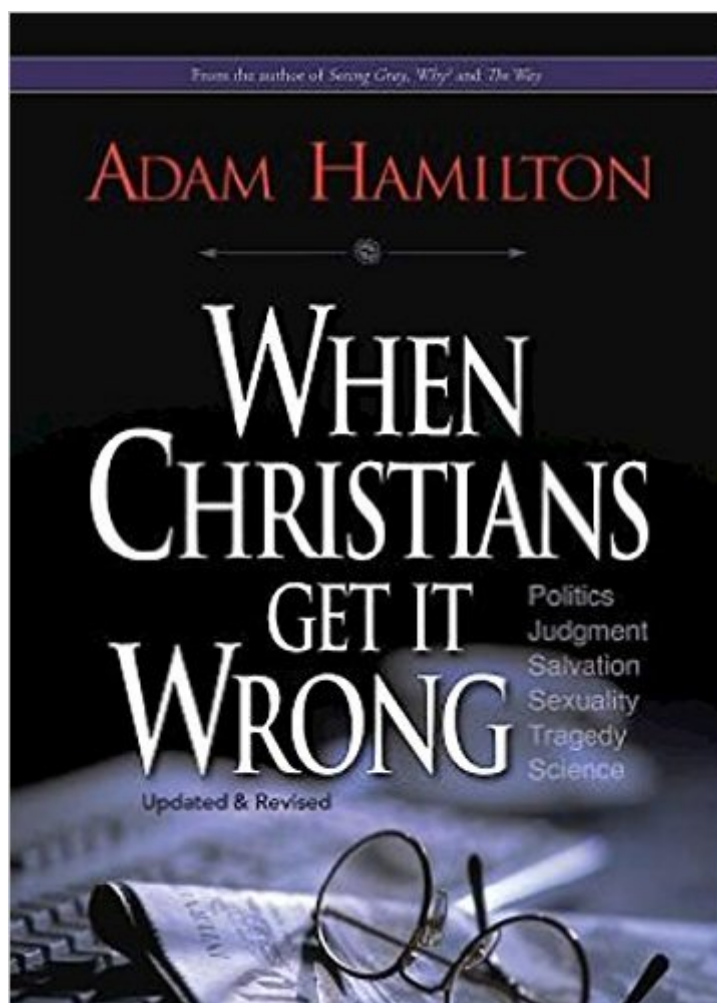


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# When Christians Get It Wrong (Revised)



## 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 how's and why's of Christians getting it right when it comes to being Christ in the world. Those who read *When Christians Get It Wrong* 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 don't start getting it right, we may lose an entire generation. Revised and updated in a new convenient trim size.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a very easy book to read over a weekend and well worth the time. Topics include the ways in which Christians act that are not Christ like; Creationism vs. evolution; Non-Christians and Christian Exclusivism, Christian Universalism, and Christian Inclusivism (who is saved and who is not). Is God a "micromanager" and do bad things happen "because God has a reason that we don't understand", or do bad things "just happen"? All Christians should read this book and act like Jesus wants us to.

I don't like to write negative reviews. In reality, a review is just one person's opinion, and who knows what kind of person they are. I am a middle class, struggling to stay faithful, Christian woman. I liked

what I was reading until I started feeling like the author was trying to tell us that we need to re-interpret the Bible to fit our understanding of it in today's world view. I don't buy that. That is like the classic idea of my kids wanting the freedoms that go against my rules/morals, because "all my friends' parents let THEM do it (watch it, listen to it, say it, etc.)". It is the whole concept of how we allow more and more gray areas to become viewed as acceptable, while our culture strays further and further from God's written word. I bought this book as a Christian wife and mother in a house of unbelievers. I wanted to learn ways to relate to my family that would help me draw them to God. Unfortunately, I can't compromise how I interpret the Bible to make my family feel better about their actions. Notice, I say their "actions", not about themselves. I love THEM. I just don't always love their choices or behaviors. John 15:18-19 "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world. That is why the world hates you." NIV I wholeheartedly agree with Adam Hamilton. "Christians get it wrong". That's why we need Jesus.

This is one of the most honest, thought-provoking Bible-based books that I've read in a long time. As millions of young people today turn away from organized religion, we as Christians need to show them that we are loving, forgiving, humble servants of God, and not the judgmental, politically motivated hypocrites that some portray us to be. Pastor Hamilton has a wonderful way of bringing out biblically based facts that show us how to live, and explain to possible new Christians what living a Jesus based life is really all about.

Adam Hamilton is spot on with this thoughtful analysis of how we Christians and our churches both hit and miss being Christian. Eye opening and thought provoking, this book helps one to look at one's self and how we approach the world around us. Uncomfortable with his subject matter? That's probably good - these are everyday issues that won't be made to go away.

This is a thought provoking book that every Christian will benefit from if they will read it with an open mind. Politics, homosexuality, and other hot-button issues. Christ loved people and did not judge, and so should we if we are to be truly in His image.

In an open, matter of fact way, Rev. Adam Hamilton discusses some of the toughest issues facing Christians today, including, among others: "Christians, Science & Politics", "Other Religions", "When Bad Things Happen" and "Homosexuality". Hamilton takes the Bible seriously without insisting on a

word for word literalism. He allows space for faithful Christians to think differently. I was put off by the title of this book thinking it was a critique for church insiders. It is a study for everyone and has some joyful, heart warming moments when sharing stories of what the church looks like when Christians get it right. Be sure to order the DVD if studying this with a group. In 15-20 minutes segments, the DVD highlights the key concerns of the chapter.

Excellent study for Christians who ask tough questions and see the Bible's Big Picture. Jesus = the Word. This book is short and to the point, but full of much to ponder and pray about. Thanks again, Adam Hamilton, for a winner!

In addition to reluctant reports by church officials representing mainline denominations, a number of survey researchers (e.g., Putnam & Campbell, *American Grace*) have documented the disaffection a growing number of young people have for Christianity as it now widely practiced. Unfortunately, the tendency among many evangelicals and fundamentalists is to "blame the victim" rather than engage in critical self-assessment about how they may be pushing people away rather than drawing them in. Anyone who is concerned about declining participation in Christian churches, and more importantly, the reluctance of young people to view Christianity as relevant to their lives, could use this book to see how their opinions and actions may be contributing to this tragedy. It is hard to imagine a period in our history when the discrepancy was greater between the rhetorical commitment to Christianity and angry opinions and actions that stand in stark contrast. A recurring theme in Hamilton's brief book is to summon people back to the core of Christianity--love God with all your heart, mind, and soul, and love your neighbor as yourself. He uses a series of key theological issues to show how beliefs that were byproducts of historical contexts that no longer exist should be re-examined from a fresh perspective, but without compromising the essence of Christ's teachings. Hamilton presents his arguments in a clear, direct, and compelling manner. His personal journey and the spiritual reflection that led to changes in his beliefs can be seen in his description of an ongoing dialogue with a young man who confronted him with these issues. Whether through this book or a simple process of prayer and introspection, every believer should challenge themselves as Adam Hamilton did.

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