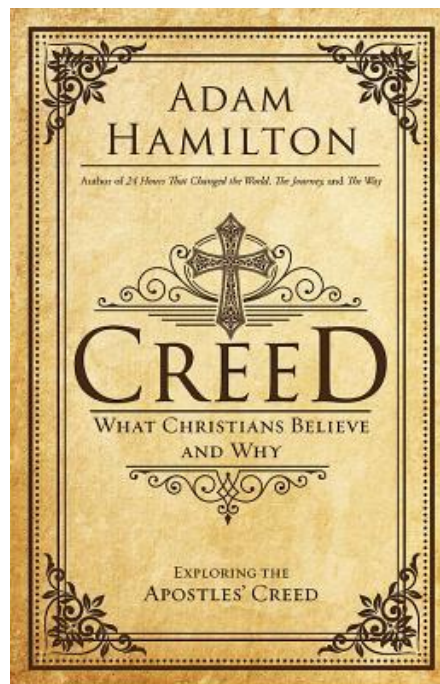




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We're all searching. Sometimes the search is easy: simply type a question and the answer pops up. But sometimes our questions are complicated, and the answers are difficult to see and harder to articulate. How do we discover and examine the truths that give meaning and purpose to life? Adam Hamilton believes that some powerful answers are contained in the Apostles' Creed, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs.

In this book for Lent, Easter, and beyond, Hamilton considers important questions of life, reality, and truth. He explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe it and why it matters.

Chapters include:

God Jesus Christ The Holy Spirit The Church at the Communion of Saints The Forgiveness of Sins The Resurrection of the Body *Creed: What Christians Believe and Why* is also part of a six-week church-wide program that includes a Leader Guide, DVD, and youth and children resources.

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Laura Dallas says

This book is just what the United Methodist Church needs now. Amidst discussions of division, Adam Hamilton's "Creed," reminds us what binds us together. Hamilton unpacks the Apostles' Creed exploring the very basics of what all Christians believe. These are the essential elements of our faith. Hamilton devotes chapters to belief, God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the church and communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection of the body. Hamilton writes with a pastor's tone, as usual, affirming what is most important and why it matters while leaving space for mystery and denominational differences. This book is not just for United Methodists. All Christians need to be reminded of our commonalities in order to become the one church that Jesus spoke of and intends for us to build.

Eleanor says

I read this book as a member of a small study group at church, and found it very useful in that setting. It's always a good idea to remember what it is that binds Christians together, particularly during a time when the church, and our nation, is so deeply divided about so many things.

If I had not been part of a group discussing this, I would have found that it mostly skimmed the surface, albeit in a thoughtful way, and it likely would not have had much long term impact on me. That being said, there is so much value in people of faith reminding themselves what our "glue" is that I definitely recommend this one for a group study, and as a jumping-off place for deeper conversations.

Heather Johnson says

This book was selected by our pastor for a small group study during Lent. I volunteered to lead the session occurring in my parents' home, so I was responsible for reading and preparing the materials, including reading this book by Adam Hamilton. I had not spent an extensive amount of time ever considering the Creed that I profess every week at church, and this book was a great introduction into "what Christians believe and why."

The book is divided into six short chapters, each covering one aspect of the Creed. Hamilton spends lots of time asking questions of his readers and providing scripture to consider while unwrapping each tenet of the Creed; however, there seems to be something missing here. Perhaps it is the fact that the Creed is so concise while covering such significant--and massively deep--components of my faith, but the entire time I was reading it, it felt like there should've been more. It could also be that it was written for any lay person, young people included, to study the Creed without being bogged down in scholarly research...

Either way, it was a great way to spend Lent, considering each component of what I believe, surrounded by church members and family, preparing myself for the Resurrection. I'd read more of Adam Hamilton, understanding that he is writing for a very wide audience. In the meantime, I think I'm going to find another C.S. Lewis to devour. Now there's some fun small group fodder!

Carolanne wollin says

Simply written and easy to understand. To take such a divine topic and be able to teach is a gift. Well done Adam.

Todd G says

Incredibly well thought out plain English explanation of what it means to be a Christian including references to Bible verses. This one would be well used to explain to those who don't believe (or do believe but haven't yet accepted Gods gift of grace) what God desires of us in return for that gift. I cannot recommend this enough; it truly cleared things up for me, helped me ensure I'm on the right path

I will be reading more of Hamilton's books

Karen says

This book was for our book discussion group at Our Lady of Guadalupe.

I found this book to be a tad dull. It did not inspire me, nor did it teach me anything new. It took me forever to read because it failed to pique my interest in any way. I have to say that there is nothing wrong with the book, it is what it is, a lesson with scripture to back it up. If this is what you need, then fine. Nothing to write home about.

Elizabeth says

While I didn't personally love this book, I applaud the author for it. It is an incredibly accessible overview of the Apostles' Creed. I would have loved for it to be more in-depth, and explore more diverse viewpoints, but that would make it much less successful in reaching a wider audience.

Lynn says

This short book (I read it in under three hours) gives a good exploration of what Christians claim to believe in the Apostles' Creed, where those beliefs came from and what effect they have. Hamilton is a good moderate, sane Christian writer whose work is always rewarding. I especially like the way he doesn't attack people who believe differently. He does repeat himself a few times, but to good effect.

Aimee Jones says

Adam Hamilton has a gift for writing books about faith that are warm, accessible, succinct, and sincere. This is a "back to the basics " book about the Apostles Creed, the essential statement of the Christian faith. Those who are interested in Christianity, or even if you have been a Christian for a very long time, this book is beneficial because it explores the tenets of the faith in simple terms that anyone can relate to. I look forward to each one of his books because they inform me and inspire me. His writing style is warm and personal. He asks questions that make you examine your own thoughts and feelings. It's almost like having a conversation. Start with this book and read others by Adam Hamilton. They will not disappoint.

Donny says

Basic stuff. But it's nice to have a review.

Christine says

I read this book as part of a class at church during Lent. I thought it was insightful and thought-provoking, and made for some wonderful, deep discussions. I'm glad we read it, and I would recommend it to others.

Michelle says

A good discussion on the Apostles Creed and basic Christian belief

Delynn says

This book was challenging for me. It is very “deep”. I think we needed more time in our Sunday School Class to get through this book. What we were able to get through was very interesting and informative. Hamilton gave us lots to think about. We did watch the video as well.

Nicole says

I think this book was very insightful and had some wonderful points in it as well as explained things I never knew or thought of before. I just wished it was a bit more interesting. I also watched the video that went with it and felt it was fake and staged and that real conversations were not happening. Don't get me wrong, I think Adam Hamilton is very knowledgeable and he will show you his knowledge but I feel like it was more written for a congregation and not for the individual or a small discussion class.

Terry Pellegrino says

Excellent book introducing the Apostles' Creed role in defining common Orthodox beliefs of all Christians.

The author delivers a concise thought provoking narrative on the history and purpose of Church Creeds. Hamilton concludes that the Creed "reminds us of what is true. It captures many of the foundational convictions upon which our lives are built. It gives us hope."
