

The Next Christians

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In 2007's *UnChristian*, Gabe Lyons and David Kinnaman shared research indicating what Christians had long been uneasily surmising: that younger generations were disenchanted with "church as usual." In *The Next Christians: The Good News About the End of Christian America*, he builds on this work by describing the type of Christian practice that is drawing in new generations.

This is not a book of "relevant" techniques or successful programs. Rather, the Christianity that Lyons describes is rooted in historical orthodoxy and centered in a full-fledged gospel of creation, fall, redemption and restoration. He portrays Christians who are viewing the world not as it is, but as it ought to be, and who fight for these "oughts." The bulk of the book describes "restorers" who are creators of culture (rather than critics), who are living in community (rather than in isolation) and who are called (rather than merely employed).

Lyons' gift for writing matches his gift for observation. The facts and principles he shares are generously illustrated with stories that span eras and hemispheres. *The Next Christians* will give readers a glimpse at the Holy Spirit's overall work in America today.

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