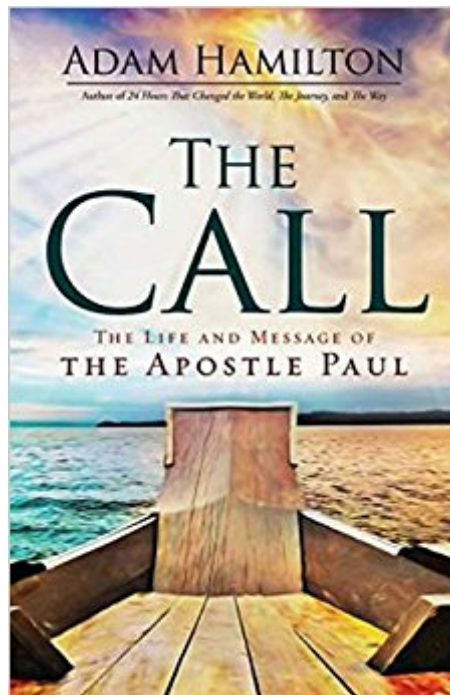




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# **The Call: The Life And Message Of The Apostle Paul**



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With Adam Hamilton, we have traced the life of Jesus from his birth The Journey, through his ministry The Way, to his death and resurrection 24 Hours That Changed the World. What happened next? Follow the journeys of Paul, beginning with his dramatic conversion, as he spread the Gospel through modern-day Greece and Turkey. Travel to the early church sites and explore Paul's conversations with the Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians. In this six-week study, you are invited to experience faith through Christ's greatest teacher and missionary.

**Endorsements**

“Adam Hamilton has proven to be a faithful guide to applying the Bible to modern life in a sane and balanced way, and I trust him as an interpreter of the Apostle Paul for today.” - Philip Yancey, author of *Vanishing Grace* and *The Jesus I Never Knew*

“Pastor and teacher Adam Hamilton succeeds brilliantly in introducing the life and ministry of Paul. Adam's interweaving of personal testimony and ministry insights provide important lessons for Christian disciples today - something Paul himself would have readily welcomed.” - Dr. Mark Wilson, Asia Minor Research Center, Antalya, Turkey

“Adam Hamilton demonstrates theologically and spiritually how indispensable the apostle Paul is to both the early Christian and 21st century church. This book is a wonderful gift for the church, and I recommend it with utmost Christian enthusiasm.” - Dr. Israel Kamudzandu, Associate Professor of New Testament and Biblical Interpretation, Saint Paul School of Theology

“I regularly lead groups of seminary students, alums, clergy, and laity on immersion trips to Greece and Turkey. This book will certainly be on my reading list.” - Jaime Clark-Soules, Associate Professor of New Testament, Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Professor, Perkins School of Theology

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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 Hamilton'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](http://AdamHamilton.org).

"The Call" was used as a Lenten Bible Study in a group of 12-18 adults. Adam Hamilton explained Saul/Paul in a way that removed much of my skepticism over his use of words that have historically been used as justification for anti-Jewish and anti-women's thoughts, especially in Christian churches. Paul was a product of his times. We have to understand Paul's message through the context of those times; not the context of our own times. I retain doubt over some of Paul's language, but feel better about certain aspects of it. With Paul, we need to be careful not to "throw out the baby with the bath water!"

We're studying THE CALL in a small group at our church, and the pastor is preaching sermons based on the lessons. Adam Hamilton is an excellent writer. Writing the book, Hamilton followed the steps Paul took in his missionary journeys. The author gives a new perspective of Paul with an emphasis on the apostle's humanity. Something extra special in this book is the inclusion of black and white maps and pictures to illustrate the material. Adam Hamilton is a Methodist minister with a varied background. This Bible study is not excessively denominational..

This is not one of Adam Hamilton's best. I've taught at least 6 of his others, but this one is very difficult. It has so many factual details in it, that it is almost impossible to get through one chapter in

an hour's time. I've mainly stuck to the Leader's Guide to teach this book, and hope my class will read it for themselves.

We are really enjoying this Bible study on Paul. We are on the third chapter and so far we love it. It is very insightful. The video that goes with the book is especially good. It makes Paul's journeys come to life. It is great to see the old ruins of the cities. This book is easy to read and comprehend. I would recommend this to anyone that has an interest in the life of Paul.

We used this book in our adult Sunday School during January 2016. Our study of the book was complemented by a DVD and a leader guide. I thought the book was well written and the DVD was excellent having been filmed on location in the places Paul taught/evangelized. The book is good on its own but it extremely effective when paired with the DVD.

We are using this book in our Covenant Group as a study course. We have really enjoyed it. We're not quite finished with the study. Everyone commented on how much they've enjoyed the study.

Since graduating college (7 years ago) I've only read work related books. Anything outside of a tweet or a Facebook post couldn't keep me interested. That is until I stumbled upon Adam Hamilton's Revival earlier in the year, that book got me hooked. Since January, I've read 4 others by Hamilton, 3 other books on Methodism, and the entire Bible. In "The Call," Hamilton tells Paul's story in an easy to read, thought provoking style. He strengthens the biography by adding commentary from his experiences and those of his congregation. Similar to other Hamilton books I've read so far, the bibliography is fantastic. Keep 'em coming, Adam!

Another great study book by Adam Hamilton. The DVD is like a virtual field trip and it serves as a great tool if visualizing the world of Paul. This study was more challenging to teach than some of the other studies we've done by Hamilton; however, it was an excellent study. I'm in love with the Apostle Paul in a new way. Thanks, Adam Hamilton!

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