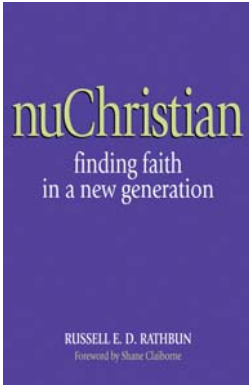


## A Challenge to Be Transformed from unChristain to nuChristian



Valley Forge, PA—Christianity’s image problem has become common knowledge. Books like *They Like Jesus but Not the Church* and *unChristian: What a New Generation Really Thinks about Christianity... and Why It Matters* have reported that this generation of young adults, in particular, sees Christians and the church as:

- hypocritical
- judgmental
- sheltered
- overly political

In his foreword for the new release *nuChristian: Finding Faith in a New Generation*, author, activist and “recovering sinner” Shane Claiborne writes, “I am convinced that if we lose a generation in the church, that loss won’t be because we failed to entertain them, but because we failed to dare them—to take the words of Jesus seriously and to do something about the things that are wrong in the world. Russell Rathbun offers us that dare—to renew a Christianity that reminds the world of Jesus again.”

In *nuChristian*, young adult pastor and author Russell Rathbun encourages us to take seriously the critique of a new generation, and see it as a challenge to be transformed. Rathbun reflects on the research from *unChristian* and offers practical ideas for church leaders who seek to reach today’s young adults with a Christlike community that is:

- Transparent
- Holistic
- Loving
- Engaged
- Just
- Humble

*nuChristian* invites us to move beyond statistics and defensiveness and to be authentic about who we are as flawed human beings saved by a gracious God.

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