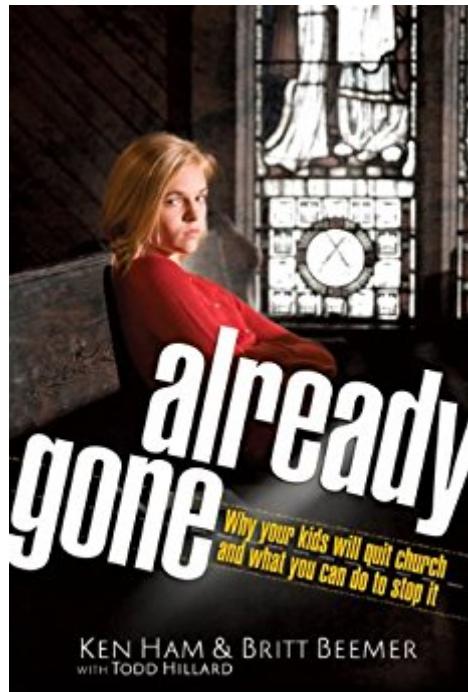


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# Already Gone



## **Synopsis**

If you look around in your church today, two-thirds of the young people who are sitting among us have already left in their hearts; soon they will be gone for good. This is the alarming conclusion from a study Answers in Genesis commissioned from America's Research Group, led by respected researcher Britt Beemer. The results may unnerve you - they may shake long-held assumptions to the core - but these results need to be taken seriously by the church. *Already Gone* reveals:

Ã¢-Â¢ Why America's churches have lost an entire generation of believers Ã¢-Â¢ The views of 1,000 twenty-somethings, solidly raised in the church but no longer attending - and their reasons why Ã¢-Â¢ Relevant statistical data effectively teamed with powerful apologetics The study found that we are losing our kids in elementary, middle school, and high school rather than college, and the "Sunday school syndrome" is contributing to the epidemic, rather than helping alleviate it. This is an alarming wake-up call for the church, showing how our programs and our approaches to Christian education are failing...and our children are paying the price. Though the statistics reveal a huge disconnect taking place between our children and their church experience, *Already Gone* shows how to fight back for our families, our churches, and our world. We can make a difference today that will affect the statistics of tomorrow in a positive and Christ-focused way!

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## **Customer Reviews**

Excellent research and insightful comments.

I have recommended this to a few pastors, and some more mature Christians, not sure that any of them have bothered to read it. How the Evangelical Church has taught children; by the survey numbers is not working. The Church seems to feel some guilt, displeasure or can't listen to the lesson. It is in my opinion, and I think follows Biblical precept in what/how Believer's children should be taught about Biblical truth and accuracy.

Every Christian parent, educator, and pastor should read this book if they have even the slightest concern for Christianity in America. I've read it once and will read it again. I've already given it away as a gift to a pastor friend and will do so more. Christianity in America is in trouble. This book is a loud warning to make radical changes before it's too late.

Ken Ham does an excellent job of presenting statistical data to aid in identifying a real world problem that permeates the modern church. He explains the reasons why compromising Genesis undermines the confidence people have in the authority of the scriptures. By interviewing evangelical Christians that have left the church, this book explains that the process of departure from Christianity begins as early as middle school. Because middle school and high school students do not understand the reasons for our faith, they are disconnected from the Bible and this leads to their departure. The majority of people who depart do so because of a lack of confidence in Genesis. Since the younger generation does not find Genesis reliable, they also do not have confidence in the rest of scriptures. This is a must read for all Christians, but especially pastors and teachers.

Many church researchers have documented the trend of an alarming number of twenty-somethings leaving the church. This book delves into why these young people are leaving the church and what can be done to help young people see the truth and relevance of the Word of God in an age that

seeks to separate faith and truth.

I appreciate the way Ham calls America to action to reclaim it's Christian heritage and soul. We are quickly becoming a post-Christian nation; but we're not there yet. As a leader of college ministries, I was challenged to take this call by these men and carry it into my generation...and into my family.

This book was a revelation to me to make sense of what is going on in the Church and Christianity today. I plan on sharing this with the leaders in my church and others as well as educating myself on apologetics. I NOW see the importance as it relates to the very foundation of Christianity!

Using a premise similar to the book "Unchristian", Ken Ham works with Brett Reemer (spelling?) to conduct a valid poll across the country to find out why people in their 20's that grew up in church left. As children, many were Already Gone, having already decided they would leave. It's an eye-opener, awesome for pastors and educational for basic members and staff.

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