If Christianity is So Good, Why are Christians So Bad?

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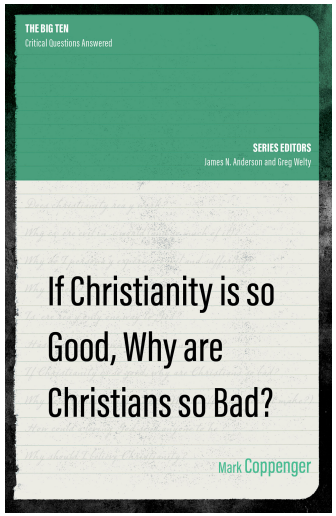

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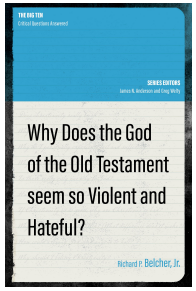

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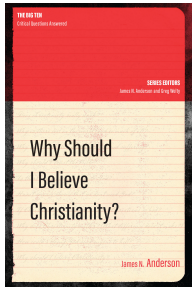

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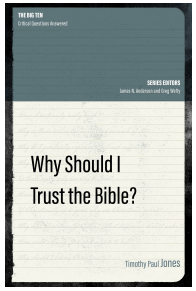

DESCRIPTION

It is reasonable to expect that the followers of Jesus Christ would exude the same sort of moral goodness that he did. But what does it mean to be good? What does it mean for the reality of the Christian faith that Christians fail to live up to the standards set by the Bible? Mark Coppenger engages with these questions.

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Written for sceptics and questioners

Looks at what it means to be good

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ENDORSEMENTS

… a highly accessible work that is a must–read for Christians in our sceptical times.

Peter G. Riddell
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Over the last 25 years whilst running Christianity Explored courses at my local church – All Souls, Langham Place – I have had to say on every course that the poet Swinburne said, 'I would love Christ, where it not for his leprous bride, the church.' I then plead with people to not allow their experience of so–called Christians in the church to stop them looking at Jesus. This book will be a very helpful tool for us at All Souls with some people who come to investigate but have had their hearts broken by the behaviour of Christians they've known. I'm so grateful for it and have already made a mental list of those whom I need to send it to.

Rico Tice
Evangelist; Co–founder of Christianity Explored Ministries

Christians are supposed to be new people, not just forgiven people; but they still sin, sometimes in scandalous ways. So how should Christians answer this objection, often raised in evangelistic settings? Dr. Mark Coppenger offers a strategy for doing so that is biblical, accessible, honest, and seasoned with wit and wisdom.

Thor Madsen
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