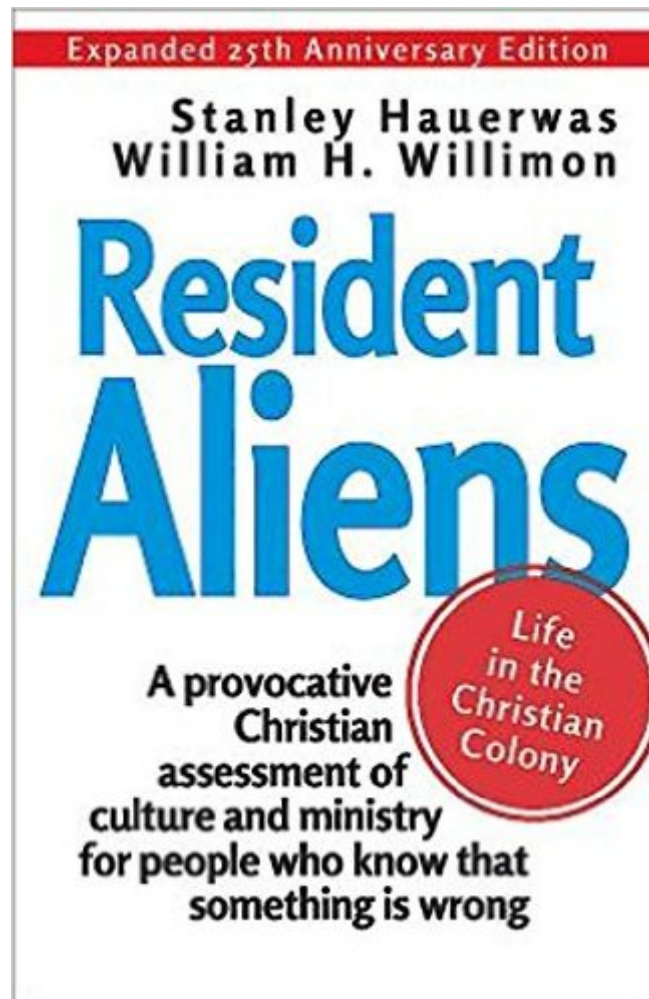


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# Resident Aliens: Life In The Christian Colony (Expanded 25th Anniversary Edition)



## Synopsis

Only when the Church enacts its scandalous Jesus-centered tradition will it truly be the body of Christ and transform the world. Twenty-five years after its first appearance, *Resident Aliens* remains a prophetic vision of how the Church can regain its vitality, battle its malaise, reclaim its capacity to nourish souls, and stand firmly against the illusions, pretensions, and eroding values of today's world. *Resident Aliens* discusses the nature of the church and its relationship to surrounding culture. It argues that churches should focus on developing Christian life and community rather than attempting to reform secular culture. Stanley Hauerwas and William H. Willimon reject the idea that America is a Christian nation; instead, Christians should see themselves as "resident aliens" in a foreign land. According to Hauerwas and Willimon, the role of Christians is not to transform government but to live lives that model the love of Christ. Rather than try to convince others to change their ethics, Christians should model a new set of ethics that are grounded in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ.

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The 25th Anniversary edition of this book highlights for me the incredible wisdom of insight of the Authors who have captured so clearly the issues facing the Church both then and now. The book is so easy to read yet the message from Chapter after Chapter is confronting and relevant to today. The authors seek to walk that very fine line between seeming to say that the Church needs to be a community that is "separate" from the world and thus not engaged with Society whilst very clearly making the point that the Community HAS to be engaged and seeking to interact with our

Society. For everyone's benefit. I believe the Authors have given us an incredible gift in the way they have shared their wisdom and spiritual concerns. The Book is full of great one liners with many of them challenging us in the Church to realise we are no longer worth criticising because the Church in many ways has lost its "saltiness" It is no longer a "LIGHT" Thought provoking and very readable

This book was all over the place. But in a good way. whether talking about if our church was true followers of Jesus and how they would act, to if we were true followers of Jesus how we would vote. The book discusses how you don't teach language by teaching the rules first. You teach language by example. So why does the church want to teach people how to be Christians by teaching them the rules first. This book also had great examples of what true Christian community should look like. Are we serving each other and looking to build each other up, or are we satisfying our own needs and using the community.

This pair of writers (a famous theologian and a famous pastor and bishop) team up to lay down some thought-provoking analysis of the American church. It's the kind of book you need to read twice, just to catch everything it is throwing at you. Lots of pithy one-liners, along with a perspective that challenges the conventional Left versus Right understanding of theological viewpoints. If you're a Christian believer who is struggling to be "in the world but not of the world," this book will be helpful. At points, I wished that the authors would have slowed down a little and explained just exactly what they meant by particular arguments. But overall, I benefited greatly from this book.

Great book. This is the 25th anniversary edition, but still extremely timely.

An excellent book filled with vibrant and exciting examples!

Some excellent concepts. My main reason for only 3 stars is that the writing style is FAR more academic than I think is necessary. I'd recommend buying the Kindle version to make it easier to look up 5 syllable words...

Needed now as much as ever.

This book is a must-read for any Christian who wants a realistic and hopeful vision of Christian

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