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The Letter To The Romans (The New Daily Study Bible)



Synopsis

In ways that no other writing of the New Testament has achieved, the ideas expressed in the letter to the Romans have shaped formatively the whole of Christian belief. William Barclay's fresh translation and clear exposition allows readers the chance to see the heart of Paul's gospel. For almost fifty years and for millions of readers, the Daily Study Bible commentaries have been the ideal help for both devotional and serious Bible study. Now, with the release of the New Daily Study Bible, a new generation will appreciate the wisdom of William Barclay. With clarification of less familiar illustrations and inclusion of more contemporary language, the New Daily Study Bible will continue to help individuals and groups discover what the message of the New Testament really means for their lives.

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Customer Reviews

This is the updated edition of the previous Bible Studies written by William Barclay who is Scottish. William Barclay was a Professor of Divinity and Biblical Criticism. Therefore, the content of this Bible Study is based on Protestant Theology. This is important to know for the Roman Catholics who are looking for a Concordance that has Roman Catholic theology. When this book was revised changes were made to make it easier to read. This book contains explanations about the passages. Therefore, I think of it as a Concordance rather than a Bible Study.

Fifty-five years ago, I remember my father using Barclay's Commentaries to prepare Bible studies and sermons. It was years before I learned for myself the joy of using Barclay's commentaries as part of my own studies, but I always include Barclay for my studies of New Testament books. I have all of his studies in printed versions--many almost 60 years old from my father's library--but I find using the Kindle version a real joy as I highlight and copy verses for further study and reflection. Barclay offers such depth of understanding, and great historical context, that helps me to grow in my understanding of the Word. The Book of Romans is a great study, and Barclay provides a great tool in that study.

I have read and enjoyed so much of what dear William has published including his 17 New Testament Commentaries. Romans is not his best work. William is so excellent at so many things: Providing the Jewish context behind the New Testament, explaining the motivations behind the various Epistles, as well as providing a treasury of literature to enrich the lessons. In Romans, Barclay's worldview collides with Paul. When William brings his Arminian/Universalist point of view to Romans 8:28-30 things break down. His explanation of this fascinating passage is self-contradictory. It would have been more useful if he had given his take on it and then highlighted that other theologians such as Augustine, Aquinas and Luther had a different interpretation. William does this so well in some of his other commentaries, but not here. William has great value, but take Romans with a grain of salt.

Dr. Barclay was truly a gift from God for the everyday layman who desires to know the meaning of the Bible, and in this case the Book of Romans. St. Paul's theology is not the easiest to understand without a lot of study, but Dr. Barclay brings it home in an everyday understanding. I recommend his books for individual and group study in and out of the church environment.

Not sure what the previous reviewer meant- to me, any biblical commentary that includes discussion of the greek and hebrew words plus consideration of the historical/contemporary times of the writer is definitely scholarly. That's just a weird comment! Nonetheless, Barclay is an enigmatic figure, and any reading you do of his books must be tempered by your own doctrinal "take" on various issues. I would agree in spirit of the other reviewer that this book is not an end-all-be-all, but what biblical commentary is? B

Barclay is a classic. He presents several verses at a time, and then reveals the context of those

times and how that impacts what Paul wrote. Barclay also looks into the various meanings of the Greek words Paul chose to use, and tells us how those words impact what Paul was trying to say.

The Letter to the Romans was an excellent book that explains Paul's letter to the church in Romans. There are many things that are written in the book that is directed to the people of Roman that Paul did not consider Christian. This is explained so William Barclay's guide will help you to study and understand Romans.

The commentaries in the Daily Study Bible Series are great! They explain the historical context of the Scripture which is very important in understanding the true meaning behind the text. I am a youth pastor and I use these commentaries on a weekly basis. The language they are written in is easy to understand and read. Great set of commentaries for teaching, preaching, or just going deeper into the Bible.

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