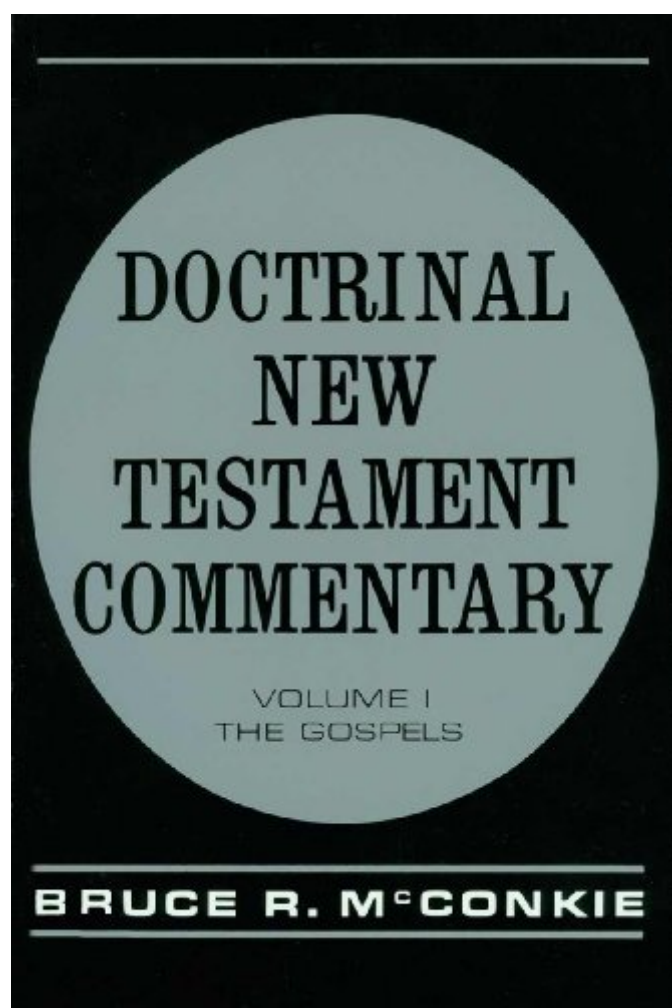


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Synopsis

"Understandest thou what thou readest?" So asked Philip of one who was diligently searching the scriptures. "How can I," came the answer, "except some man should guide me." Jesus said: "Search the scriptures," and gave the promise, "Whoso treasureth up my word, shall not be deceived." Today the Lord's command is: "Teach one another the doctrine of the kingdom." This Doctrinal New Testament Commentary is designed to enable gospel students to learn and live the doctrines of the New Testament; to grasp the greatness and glory of our Lord's mortal ministry; to comprehend the doctrines of the Master Teacher and of those commissioned by him to reveal pure religion to the world. Salvation centers in Christ. He is the Creator and Redeemer; the Way and the Truth; the Light of the World; the One Man who could say: "Follow thou me." Most of our knowledge of his earth-bound ministry is contained in the four Gospels. It is devoutly hope that this Commentary will help make the Gospels a living reality in the lives of gospel scholars, that it will help them understand what they read. Jesus himself is real; the Gospels are his life story; of him they teach and testify; and a knowledge of them is essential to salvation.

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I was very disappointed when I opened this book on my Kindle. I use a kindle to because it is convenient to read books in a small electronic form. This book in it's paper form has the actual reference from the New Testament and then Elder McConkie's commentary. It was very good. This electronic version leaves out the scriptures and just has the commentary. This makes it worthless unless you have a bible by your side. If I wanted to do that, I would just open the paper version of this book too. This is a poor version of a very good book.

I have this book and vol 3 (yes, I've read them completely out of order), but I find this is a terrific study guide for working through the scriptures. He provides new insight for me into the scriptures that I've been reading all my life.

Bruce R. McConkie is a great scriptorium and his comments are very helpful in understanding the New Testament. However, it is dated and further information has come to light about idioms and customs that McConkie did not know about when he wrote his book. So this is not the only commentary I would use.

There are many good books on the New Testament. This book is set apart from others for a few compelling reasons:1. The primary focus is on the doctrine (hence, the title). If you believe as I do that grasping the doctrines taught by Jesus Christ teaches us the very principles we can adopt to become more like the Savior, then you might agree that studying this commentary to gain a deeper understanding can help you adopt those principles into your own life.2. McConkie groups one or more verses together that are part of a key doctrine, gives them summary titles, and then picks them apart to expose meaning and dispel confusion. This book contains the entire text of the four gospels broken out into their doctrinal messages.3. Reference tools at the start of the book make it easy to look up specific verses when you have questions and want a doctrinal interpretation. Because the entire NT text is embedded, you can even find a nice place to read and devour it like you might a great novel. When I read this book the first time, I felt a deepening of both my understanding of important principles that every true disciple of Christ aspires to emulate in her or his own life, and a desire to live a better life through applying what I learned. It's unfortunate that this book (and the other two volumes covering the rest of the New Testament) are out of print. If you want to dig into the fundamental doctrinal messages taught by the Savior and his apostles, this is an excellent place to start.

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