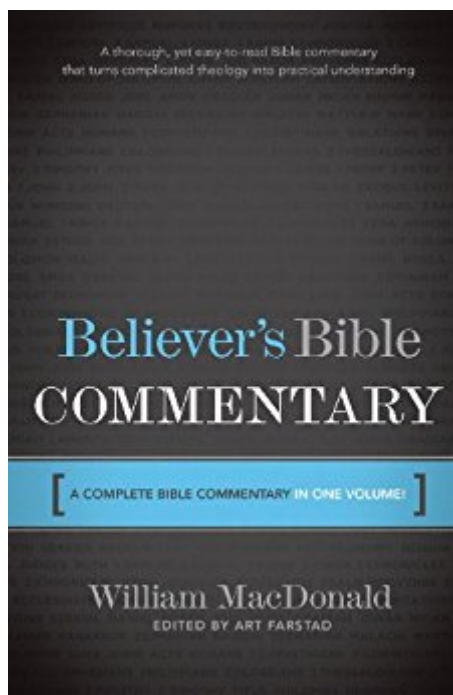


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An excellent tool for Bible study. Easy to comprehend but provides insight into complex passages. Provides differing views with pros and cons for each view. Loved this commentary so much I bought this one as a gift for a friend. It has helped him get deeper into the Bible.

I love this commentary. Have used it for years - my go to book when studying scripture. Decided to buy it for someone else.

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Love MacDonald!!!! Verse by verse, easy to understand, great integrity, and to the point. Matthew Henry, Macdonald, Calvin, Spurgeon, Gill, Magee, Wycliffe, Wiersbe, and Wesley are all in my library and I use them all daily. MacDonald, in my opinion is the best single volume commentary available. Baker and Moody are ok.

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