

Recommended Books ~ *For Those Who Don't Like To Read*

by Wayne Goff

The ability to read and comprehend is a wonderful blessing, and God has given us the mind to do just that. Sadly, some people proudly proclaim: "I just don't like to read!" And for those people, here is a list of books I can recommend which are pretty easy to read:

The Gospel Of Mark

Mark was written for the Roman mind of the first century, which is not unlike the harried mind of the average American today. It is brief, 16 chapters, and covers the life of Christ from birth to His resurrection. Since Jesus proclaimed you must believe in Him and Who He is to obtain eternal life, I would suggest you read and study this book with great urgency.

New Commentary On Acts By J.W. Mcgarvey

This commentary was first written when McGarvey was about 30 years old, and revised when he was about 59, after having taught the book yearly for 27 years. Acts is a **foundational** book to the understanding of the Lord's church and its work. McGarvey does an excellent job stating the truths found in the book and in a way that is easy to understand. It can be found on Amazon in paperback form for about \$15. It can be read online free at studylight.org and is found on many Bible software programs for free as well. Acts is a long book, 28 chapters, but so important to an understanding of the Lord's church that you cannot stand to be ignorant of it.

Doctrinal Discourses By Robertson L. Whiteside

R.L. Whiteside was once president of Abilene Christian College, but like J.W. McGarvey, his writings are brief and easy to read. The book is actually a compilation of articles he wrote in various religious magazines. His article on "Opinion — Faith — Knowledge" (p. 95) formed the basis of a sermon I prepared on that subject. It is a sermon I preach everywhere because it is sorely needed. "The Body An Instrument" is another good article and is valuable for understanding **Romans 6** and today's claims that one has to commit certain sins "because I was born that way." Some of the issues he wrote about are a bit outdated today and not pertinent to our time, but interesting to read to see what problems he dealt with in his day.

Bible Studies By Robertson L. Whiteside

There are three volumes of this work covering Genesis to Revelation. Brother Whiteside gives brief commentary on the Bible, along with "Some Reflections" and "Lesson Links" which are helpful to the Bible student. These volumes are not complete and comprehensive, but very interesting to read because of their brief and concise nature. He hits upon things that are important and does not linger on difficult subjects.

An example of his writing on "*Some Reflections*" regarding Esau's birthright are as follows: "Esau sold his birthright for one mess of pottage. Reuben lost his birthright by fleshly indulgence (1 Chron. 5:1-2). Many people sell their interest in heaven for as little. No earthly condition is more restful and satisfying than a peaceful and happy home. By selfishness, ill will, and strife, many families make a hell out of what should be a near Eden." (p. 82). Perhaps you and I would consider working on our own homes after reflecting upon these comments.

The Search For The Ancient Order (Vol. 1)

By Earl West

This book is "A History of the Restoration Movement 1849-1906" and is a great read on how the religious atmosphere of America was changed down through the years. "Restoration" suggests eliminating from human denominations anything and everything that is not in harmony with the Bible, and especially the New Testament. This is not really an "easy read," but interesting to the one who wants to know more about American church history. It shows how the Restoration Movement grew, then became divided over instrumental music, and what things were like by the beginning of the twentieth century.

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