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39, one of Christ's commandments is, "Search the Scriptures," and the great apostle of the Gentiles, the first Bishop of our Church, declares in his noble defence before Agrippa, "Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day witnessing both to small and great, *saying none other things than those which the Prophets and Moses did say should come.*—Acts xxvi. 22.

We need not be told by Father Damen that Christ our Lord did ordain living teachers in His church, but it is equally true that by Christ's authority these teachers are bound to preach and explain God's word only to the people; and in order to know this our blessed Lord commands the people to "Search the Scriptures" for themselves, while he reproves others and says, "Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures;" thus leaving Romish and all other traditions out of the question. Tradition never has been the "Sword of the Spirit" and Christ himself never used it in his great battle with Satan who was vanquished by "It is written." Every Christian reader has read the commendation given of the Bereans by the Holy Ghost Himself—"These were more noble than those of Thessalonica, in that they received the Word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily whether those things were so."—Acts xvii 11.