

understanding heart, that is taught by the Holy Spirit, and walking in close communion with God. There have been many such writers who have not even converted while thus pretending to explain Scripture, a task quite out of their power, however otherwise learned they may be (see *1 Corinthians* iii. 11-16). Readers of God's Word need to consider thoroughly this passage of Scripture, and to note its important bearing on those opinions of doctrinal teaching often put forward with much assurance by unconverted persons professing much religiousness, or even in the position of ministers to congregations. From this passage of Scripture it will be seen now how impossible it is for such to give any opinion as to what is the truth of the Word of God. Let us not forget the word in *2 Timothy* iii. 7, written of these last days of those who have "the form of godliness, but deny the power thereof", such are "ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth". Yet commentaries are often very useful for giving historical facts and meanings of words, and also oriental customs, etc., information requiring research apart from spiritual teaching; but, nevertheless, in these latter days, while there is much precious truth to be found written by dear children of God in some such commentaries, and also other various publications, there is also oftentimes to be found much that is not truth, and, occasionally, radical errors, most pernicious and misleading, mixed up with, and side by side with truth, making it of special consequence to "search the Scriptures, and see if these things