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### **Misinterpretation is Misunderstanding!**

John 5:39, “...they are they which testify of me...”

We are admonished in the holy scriptures to read, study, and meditate on the inspired word of God. Understanding comes about with much study and by the grace of God giving us what we need to ‘rightly divide’ - **“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth”** (II Timothy 2:15). How then can we rightly divide the word of truth unless we know what the scriptures say? The Apostle Paul expressed this thought to young Timothy which is similar to what is stated in John 5:39, **“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me”**. Jesus was speaking of the written word as Not Being Him, but that they testified (or spoke specifically) of who He is as being the Son of God and our Saviour. Those who do not advocate Christ as the Son of God are like those spoke of in II Corinthians 3:14-15 where it says **“their minds were blinded”** (and they still are) and **“even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.”** The Spirit of God is the only thing that can remove that vail. How? Because there is liberty **“where the Spirit of the Lord is”** (II Corinthians 3:17).

The Apostle Paul makes it very plain in I Corinthians 2:14, **“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”** We are troubled in this present time with so many who are not only ridiculing the Bible and its truths, but also God Himself. These foolish ones are attempting to interpret the Scriptures when they have no understanding. Their lack of understanding is because they are void of the spirit. Maybe we should do as Elisha did of Elijah and pray not only for the spirit, but **“I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me”** (II Kings 2:9). This spirit which Elisha desired was not the personal life spirit of Elijah, but rather the presence of God which dwelt within him. Seek

knowledge of the scriptures, but do so by seeking the help of God's spirit. ***Think About IT!***