1Corinthians 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

In our modern day society people are brilliant, I'm talking about everyday average people. If you want to know something there is a book or books on the subject. It doesn't matter what it is about, the only problem is they are all written by man and mans inspiration. There are multitudes of man written commentaries on the only book that is written and preserved by the inspiration of God himself.

2Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

There is nothing wrong wrong with books and commentaries, God can and will use them as a conformation witness's for what he has shown you in the Spirit. **THE PROBLEM** I'm getting at is: **Instead** of of studying the scriptures and asking God to give you the understanding you read the bible and go to commentaries for the understanding which is written and inspired by MAN. True you may get a bit of understanding **BUT** is it right?

1 corinthians 2:5-14 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the

world unto our glory:

Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

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.

You see man has a habit of doing things backwards, instead of asking and trusting the Lord for the understanding, then have HIM confirm what he has shown you through books or commentaries or preaching etc. Mankind would sooner trust mans opinion. I am sure that most people that read the bible have at one time or another had a thought go through their head as to the understanding of a certain part of scripture and they hear a sermon or read something and all of a

sudden the lights go on and you know that you know that God has confirmed what he showed you before.

The trouble with going to mans opinions first is: You get so used to believing mans writings that you eventually believe more in tradition than the word of God.

An Example that will bring a lot of controversy from those who's trust is in their tradition.

The example is: The bible says

Mark 16:16 He that believeth (1st) and is baptized (2nd) shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Romans 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism (not sprinkled) into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so (When we come up out of the water) we also should walk in newness of life.

It is no different today than it was in Jesus time, he said he was the son of God and the religious order said he was mad and had a devil. It is no different today. I can name a few people that have trusted the Holy Spirit to give them the understanding of the scriptures without using commentaries. They will use them but again only for confirmation as to what the Lord has shown them.

I have heard multiple times from Christian people the comments that God made these commentaries, seminaries, and so on. All these are made and inspired by man for man,

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

I am not against commentaries, but I am against the faith that the saints put in them. Is it any wonder there are no signs and wonders (real miracles) in their midst.

Matthew 17:20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

The scripture says that if we are born again and filled with His Holy Spirit, We Have The Mind Of Christ. Just learn to listen to that small still voice within you

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