

"TREASURED PRESENCE!" - JANUARY 27, 2019
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31A; LUKE 4:14-21

Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.

These days, it seems like everyone we talk to is an expert. Do you ever feel like what you stand for, what you know, what you believe in, is not enough? Someone claims what you think is right, is actually wrong? Someone says what you know, is only half the truth? Someone says what you believe in, is highly suspect? Do you know what you are talking about, what truly fulfills, satisfies? Do you know where to stand firm, so fulfilled, you will not waiver? Do you know where to turn? Who to turn to? When Jesus came to Nazareth, he went into the synagogue and when he was given the scroll of Isaiah, Jesus knew where to turn, where to open the scroll. Jesus read the scroll and knew what he was fulfilling. Long ago, Jesus opened the scroll and revealed to the people a new epiphany; all the Treasured One was fulfilling in our hearing! When we are the least bit sure what is right and wrong, when we do not know what to believe any more, let us turn to the One who treasures us first, for a new epiphany, to trust his treasured presence will forever be fulfilled in our hearing!

1. Where do you get your information, what scrolls do you open, where do you read about the Treasured One fulfilled in your presence?
 - A. "The one who does not read good books has no advantage over the person who cannot read them." Mark Twain
 - B. Jesus knew where to turn to. The Treasured One was given the scroll and he knew where to turn. Luke 4:17

2. Do you know who to turn to? Do you know who to listen to? Turn to the Treasured One to fulfill the presence of God's grace in your hearing!
 - A. Do you know the body of Christ is fulfilled? 1 Cor. 12:12-31a
 - i. Do you know you are a member of it? Do you know so is the person next to you? 1 Corinthians 12:14, 27
 - ii. Do you know you are needed to fulfill still more of all the Treasured One promised would be fulfilled in our hearing?
1 Corinthians 12:15-22

- B. Do you know all the Treasured One reveals to you and fulfills for you every day in your hearing? Luke 4:21
- i. Do you know the Treasured One who The Spirit rests on? Who brings good news to the poor? Who proclaims release to the captives? Who gives sight to those who are blind, blind to The Spirit? Who lets the oppressed go free? Who proclaims the year of the Lord's favor?
 - ii. Do you know the Treasured One is with you, revealing his grace and light to you, fulfilling it in your hearing, today, every day?' Luke 4:21
 - a. "Today" is in Luke 12 times - Just 9 times in Matthew, Mark and John combined.
 - b. Today is a day to get started.
 - c. At the end of today, we know we are not done. Today is not perfect; today's work is life long.
 - d. Knowing what you are talking about, trusting and making known the epiphany of Christ in our midst; this is where we can turn, this is who gives us strength for every today, this is who reveals the presence of the Treasured One is fulfilled in our hearing!