

Epiphany means “Revelation” Multiplication Tables – *That AHA MOMENT*

Let me tell you about MY PERSONAL Spiritual Epiphany

My Witness – Life Changing Epiphany

19yo on retreat to meet girls – and heard God loves YOU not you AHA!

What I learned since that experience in Andover is that, while my Epiphany was special,

It's not a one-time event

It's an ongoing reality – Every day has potential to be Epiphany

In today's Gospel the Wise Men follow a star, provided by God, to find JESUS

Up until now Jesus was only known by Joseph and Mary

Then the shepherds came, then people of Bethlehem – *all Jews, only Jews*

Now the Magi come – and Jesus is discovered by non-Jews/Gentiles (&worship)

Jesus is revealed to everyone – Jesus is revealed for everyone

That is what Isaiah was all about – everyone comes

From Midian – Ephah – Sheba – nations shall come EVERYONE

That is what PS 72 was all about -

“Every nation on earth will adore Him”

Kings of Tarshish, Islands, and Arabia

All Nations – every nation shall adore Him

That is what Ephesians is all about

In Ephesians Paul says a mystery has been revealed to him

What was the mystery revealed to Paul?

That Gentiles were partners in the promises of Christ

JC died for ALL people – new stuff for them – it was their Epiphany
not so new for us

We know that Jesus died for ALL of us

We know salvation is ours because of Jesus

YET

Even though I knew that – my experience on that retreat was an Epiphany for me.

For the first time I knew that God loved me – ME – just me. Do you?

The Magi follow a star

In our lives some people have been highly influential (OUR STARS) – some GOOD, some BAD

- The Good Love us Support us Guide us – *Even when we leave the right path*
- The Bad *encourage us to stray*
- **Who were the bright lights in your life? Who were the dark ones?**

Here's a secret for you to ponder -

- Through the grace of God, YOU may be the star that draws someone closer to God
- Jesus is the light of the world – and we have been entrusted with that light
At pearly gates St. Peter isn't going to ask what did your church do with the light
Or what did your bishops do – Or what did your priests do –
He'll ask, what did you do with the light

As we enter 2024, in midst of COVID, wars, divided gov., pending election

Share your faith - share the light of Christ

So when they see YOUR light – they really find Jesus