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"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4:18-19

In Luke we read about Jesus entering into the synagogue and opening up the scroll from the book Isaiah and speaking these words. He finished with the declaration in verse 21, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

I sometimes can't get this song out of my head, "Ding Dong! The Witch is dead. Which old Witch? The Wicked Witch!" from the Wizard of Oz. This is what just happened when Jesus spoke these words in Luke's passage. The devil is dead, celebrate this year of God's favor. For those who once were lost they will be found, those who are blind, they shall see.

As we embark on this year of 2016 let us not forget for even a moment that the God of the universe is able to do just this. To bring freedom, recovery, healing, release of the oppressed and proclamation of His favor on this new year! May you receive His blessing, grace and love this year and with many more to come!

Love, Pastor Art