

# Wednesday Night Bible Study

THE CHURCH OF THE SPRINGS – 8/10/22



## Wake up! Abide!



### ISAIAH 1:2-9 LB

Listen, O heaven and earth, to what the Lord is saying:

The children I raised and cared for so long and tenderly have turned AGAINST me. Even the animals—the donkey and the ox—know their owner and appreciate his care for them, BUT NOT MY PEOPLE Israel. No matter what I do for them, they still don't care. Oh, what a sinful nation they are! They walk bent-backed beneath their load of guilt. Their fathers before them were evil too. Born to be bad, they have TURNED THEIR BACKS UPON THE LORD and have despised the Holy One of Israel. They have cut themselves off from his help.

Oh, my people, haven't you had ENOUGH of punishment? Why will you force me to whip you again and again? Must you forever rebel? From head to foot you are sick and weak and faint, covered with bruises and welts and infected wounds, un-anointed and un-bound. Your country lies in ruins; your cities are burned; while you watch, foreigners are destroying and plundering everything they see. You stand there helpless and abandoned like a watchman's shanty in the field when the harvest time is over—or when the crop is stripped and robbed.

If the Lord Almighty had not stepped in to save a few of us, we would have been wiped out as Sodom and Gomorrah were.

### JOHN 15:16 KJV

*"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it you."* [For disciples? / For us?]

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The promise of Christ in John 15:16 is that our fruit will REMAIN, if He has chosen us and we go forth praying in His name and seeking sincerely to bear fruit for His name's sake. It is significant that the Greek word translated "remain" (that is, "MENO") is also commonly translated "abide," as well as "continue." In fact, it occurs no less than TWELVE TIMES in John 15:4-16, the last being in our text verse above.

To "abide in Christ" does not mean to be continually aware of His presence or perpetually thinking only of Him, but it does mean to continue believing His Word and serving Him. *"Continue ye in my love,"* He commands (v. 9). To do that, He says that *"if ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love"* (v. 10).