



## "Wake Up" August 29, 2021 Pastor Todd Schlechty CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG/SERMONS

Q: How many of you like to sleep in?

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them; for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light, (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth), trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret. But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light. For this reason it says, "Awake, sleeper; And arise from the dead; And Christ will shine on you."

## Wake Up!

I.	Who is Spiritually Asleep?	
	And you were dead in your trespasses and sins.	Ephesians 2:1 (NAU)
	For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.	Romans 3:23 (NAU)
II.	What is God's call to the Spiritual Sleepers? Wake Up!	
	How do we hear God's call? (Charles Wesley say Two Ways)	
	Ayour Spiritual Condition.	
	But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged.	l Cor. 11:31 (NAU)
	B. Learn to Listen to	

While it is said, "Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts, as when they provoked Me." Hebrews 3:15 (NAU)

For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you would hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, As in the day of Massah in the wilderness, When your fathers tested Me, They tried Me, though they had seen My work.

Psalm 95:7-9 (NAU)

III. What is God's Promise for those who are awaken Spiritually?

For this reason it says, "Awake, sleeper, And arise from the dead, And Christ will shine on you." Eph 5:14 (NAU)

The 3 blessings of Christ shining on you:

A. Christ will give you His \_\_\_\_

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness will cover the earth and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will rise upon you and His glory will appear upon you. Isaiah 60:1-2 (NAU) For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." II Cor 4:6 (NAU)

B. Christ will give you \_

Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

Ezekiel 36:26-27 (NAU)

C. Christ will make you \_\_\_\_\_

"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you." John 14:16-18 (NAU)

## Point: It's time to wake up Spiritually

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

- Do you like to sleep in? When do you like to sleep in? On vacation or at home? On weekends or weekdays? What does this say about you? What are you trying to avoid? What are you trying to experience?
- 2. Evaluate yourself Spiritually: How Spiritually awake are you? How Spiritually alive are you? Is the Holy Spirit comforting you; convicting you of sin; healing you; sustaining you; making you a new person; and teaching you all things?
- 3. Take a Spiritual examination. Do you love God? Do you love your neighbor? Do you have the Holy Spirit living within you? Have you been born of God? Are you awake Spiritually?
- 4. What is keeping you from awakening Spiritually?

## ANSWER KEY:

- I. Who is Spiritually Asleep? WE HAVE ALL BEEN SPIRITUALLY ASLEEP.
- II. A. **EVALUATE** your Spiritual Condition.
  - B. Learn to Listen to GOD'S VOICE.
- III. What is God's Promise for those who are awaken Spiritually? CHRIST WILL SHINE ON YOU.
  - A. Christ will give you His LIGHT.
  - B. Christ will give you HIS PRESENCE.
  - C. Christ will make you SPIRITUALLY ALIVE.

