**Think Outside the Box**

      Isaiah chapter 65 is the Lord's response to the prayer in Isaiah 63:7 - 64:12.  In several ways the Lord's response in Isaiah chapter 65 sums up the message of the entire book of Isaiah.   Throughout chapter 65, the prophet pleads for the people to place their trust in their Lord, the Covenant God, and to live righteously.

**Isaiah Chapter 65**

     Verses 1- 7       The Lord said He had constantly been presenting His love to Israel, but when they rejected Him it made judgement necessary.

     Verses 8 - 12    However, in that judgment, a remnant would be preserved.

     Verses 13 - 16  Living righteously brings blessings, but living wickedly will bring punishment.

     Verses 17 – 25   The Lord will establish a glorious kingdom in which peace and righteousness will flourish.