

A MESSAGE FROM ONE OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES LIVING IN 1984 TO  
THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE YEAR 2024

Someone may say during this year, "I can't imagine what the world would be like 40 years from now or even if the world will last that long and if it does, I don't know if I would want to live there anyway. Look at how bad things have become during the last 40 years!"

However I look forward with great expectations to 2024 and even the more immediate future, as do all of Jehovah's Witnesses. And why? Well, not because people will somehow turn things around and solve the world's problems, but because the time will have come for our creator, almighty God, the one the Bible shows is named Jehovah, to "certainly render judgement among many peoples, and set matters straight respecting mighty nations far away. And they will have to beat their swords into plowshares --- neither will they learn war anymore. ---and there will be no one making them tremble." Sounds nice, but is this real? Well, it's written as a promise in the Bible. So are these promises - "HE will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore." "The meek ones themselves will possess the earth. And they will indeed find their exquisite delight in the abundance of peace." According to the many bible prophecies fortelling "the last days" one can see we are at the threshold of these promises being fulfilled. Hence, in 2024 you should already be enjoying these marvelous conditions just mentioned.

Of course the only way a person can have faith in these words is to make a thorough examination of the bible. If a person sincerely searches these scriptures with the help of Jehovah God's servants today, they can clearly see that Jehovah has given mankind the bible to show the way. And yes it is real. And yes it is going to happen just so.

That is why all of Jehovah's Witnesses during this year of 1984 as well as for 100 years now and for however long it takes, are preaching this good news. It's the most exciting thing in our lives!

Of course, you already know all of this because years ago you did listen to Jehovah's Witnesses and examined the bible's message. You have obviously proved faithful to God. You have seen all of God's promises come true. I hope I too will have this privilege. So why am I writing this? Hopefully before this time capsule is sealed, some may read these thoughts, investigate and have this privilege too.

Signed

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To the People of Sparwood in 2024:

I am writing this short note as the President of the Cranbrook British Columbia Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, responsible for the administration of the Sparwood Ward of the Church. At this time, Raymond L. Kitt is Bishop of the Sparwood Ward which includes Church members from Sparwood, Fernie, Hosmer and Elkford.

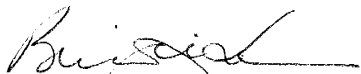
I fully expect that on the day this letter is ready by you, the Church will have established in the community a reputation for caring and sharing. "Mormons" will be known by you as a people who love their neighbours and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

By 2024, I expect that the growth in the Church in the Elk Valley will have resulted in the organization of the Fernie and Elkford Wards, and at least two wards in Sparwood itself. Consequently, I expect that the Sparwood British Columbia Stake of the Church has now been organized, with units in the Elk Valley and Crowsnest Pass comprising this new Stake. New buildings will undoubtedly have been constructed in all three Elk Valley communities, in addition to the new meetinghouse which we just completed constructing last year in Sparwood.

While I am not optimistic, I would hope that the Spirit of Christ will have spread across the world and that peace reigns. I hope that you do not live under the terrible threats of nuclear destruction which we now live.

Yet, in spite of our trials, tribulations and sacrifices, I would still say as did our pioneer forbearers, "all is well, all is well". The Lord has been good to us and we pray that He will continue to bless, guide and protect you and our community now, and in your day.

Sincerely yours,

  
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