

Grateful Greetings from the Groves

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Your Missionaries to New Zealand



“What in the world is going on?” – A question heard many times over the last week or two. Jesus said it would be this way! In Matthew 24 His words are recorded.... “And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Take heed that no man deceive you... For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.**”

Paul warned Timothy in 1 Timothy 4 and 2 Timothy 3.... “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith... Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron...,” “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.”

Peter simply said in 2Peter 3:3, “Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts....”

As Christians who believe the Bible is the inspired, inerrant Word of God, we shouldn't be shocked. In fact, we really should be excited! We are getting one more opportunity, with illustrations, to show people the accuracy of God's Word and the solution to the problem – the blessings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

After preaching on “ZOOM” for 10 weeks, we are finally able to be back together in the hall. The “Corona virus” may be eradicated from our islands for now, but these are still very clearly the “latter days”, the end times! As we see our country, “a team of 5 million,” attack and conquer the virus, our leaders are legalizing the murder of children up to birth, including legally denying medical attention to a child that survives an abortion. As we see the conquering of the virus, we see the leaders pushing for the legalization of THC for “recreational use” – threatening the lives of how many young people who just survived the COVID-19 scare? We also see the tightening down on the “dangerous” practice of teaching about Christianity in the public schools – the scoffers seem to have finally gotten their way here in rural New Zealand. Please pray for us as we continue to share the Truth with those who will hear. As in the U.S.A., we too have an important election coming up later this year which could very well be the difference between preaching the Gospel being a “hate crime” or not! If the current leadership stays in power, we could be facing criminal charges for sharing the Truth. The latter days are upon us!

We are still pressing on with the usual ministry efforts, with a renewed urgency as we see the potential changes coming. We are averaging 50 people in our Sunday morning services and continue to see people inviting their friends and helping us to be a bigger team in our town. Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we continue to sow, water, and reap the harvest.

Serving together with you,

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