
Enjoy the Beautiful Weather of the Spirit

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Hello my friend,

Another week of our amazing summer! Some days have been absolute perfect weather. I like nice weather that invites me to be outdoors. Unfortunately, I don't accept that invitation as much as I would like.

I suppose that's similar to the invitation our Savior makes to us, to join Him in some perfect weather: the weather of peace and joy in the Spirit. It's always perfect weather in the presence of God and His Spirit. So why don't we join them all the time?

We actually do have that invitation. Every Sunday, when we partake of the Sacrament, we are praying "that [we] they may always have His spirit to be with [us] them." (D&C 20:77) So how do we get that privilege?

Ask.

When we ask for something, we are doing two things: 1) We are humbling ourselves and realizing that we don't have something we need or would like to have. And 2) we are acknowledging that the person we are asking has the ability to grant us what we want.

That's why the Lord is always saying, "Ask and ye shall receive." Because what He is really saying is, "realize that you don't know everything, and are limited in your abilities, and realize that I have all power and am able to grant you any good thing."

And we need all the good things. We need His Spirit.

To have it all the time, it also says in the Sacrament prayer that we need to take upon us the name of Christ, keep His commandments, and always remember Him.

Then we'll have that perfect weather. The weather of always having His Spirit with us.

Let's not turn down that invitation. (Like I do sometimes with our sunny days.) Our Father in Heaven wants us to be happy and have complete joy all the time. Even though we'll experience the storms of life, by having the knowledge of the bigger picture, of His plan for us and all His children, and remembering that Jesus Christ is central to that plan, we'll be able to have that perfect weather of peace as our limited, human self struggles with pain and sorrow.

We live in a beautiful area. Take advantage of it.

We also live with the knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ, which is also beautiful. We should take advantage of that too.

Always remember and take care,

Bishop Williams

P.S.

- This Tuesday, July 19th at 6:00pm, all Penny Creek Ward youth are invited to join the Eastmont Ward youth for a fun activity at the Lamprecht's home.
- This Wednesday, July 20 at 6:00pm, is our Penny Creek Ward BBQ at the Pavillion behind our church building. Bring some friends and a side dish!
- August 10-13 - Stake Young Men Encampment at Ensign Ranch
- August 15-20 - Stake Young Women Camp at Camp Zarahemla
- August 25 - Silver Firs and Mill Creek ward Relief Societies kayak and paddle board activity at Silver Lake
- Single Adult Activity:
 - Sat July 23, 1:30p to 5:30p
 - Kayak Point Picnic
 - 15711 Marine Drive, Stanwood, WA 98292
 - Shelter #9
 - If you have any questions about this single adult activity, please contact:
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