

“What the world needs now...

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is love, sweet love”

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# What the world needs now

- The gospel
  - “Go into **all the world** and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15).
  - Because it’s the remedy for sin, and for all the problems caused by it.
    - So much hatred, division, confusion, bitterness, despair, etc.
  - “Behold! The lamb of God who takes away **the sin of the world**” (John 1:29).
    - “Who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel” (2 Timothy 1:10).

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- Us to take the gospel to them.
  - Revelation 14:6.
  - “Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word” (Acts 8:4).
  - Yes, people do have to show some interest, but we should constantly be looking for opportunities to teach our friends, neighbors, family members, etc.
  - “Praying also for us, that God would open a door to us for the word” (Colossians 4:3).
  - Billy Carter thankful for those who taught him the gospel.

# What the world needs now

- Us to live the gospel before them.
  - Jesus, to His disciples: “You are the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14).
  - Philippians 2:14–15.
  - The qualities we see in Christ, they need to see in us (Gal. 2:20; Rom. 13:14).
  - Need to see love, but not the blind, unprincipled love. Not the kind that ignores the truth. Phil. 1:9–11.
  - Joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control (Gal. 5:22–23).

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  - Need also to see a fear of God, a love for God, humility, shamefastness, modesty, discretion, chastity, sobriety, self-control, reverence.
  - They'll see these things in our attitude toward God and His word, in the way we treat others, in the decisions we make, the activities in which we choose to participate, the places we go, how we respond to adversity.
  - But also in the clothing we wear. Chance encounters with many people, and this is often the only thing they'll know about us.

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- Us to live the gospel before them.
  - “We are the only Bible the careless world will read, we are the sinner’s gospel, we are the scoffers creed; we are the Lord’s last message given in deed and word, what if the type is crooked, what if the print is blurred?” (*The World’s Bible*, Hamilton, Flint).