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WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS NOW

A few years ago, a popular song contained the words, "What the world needs now, is love, sweet love, It's the only thing that there just too little of. What the world needs now is love, sweet love, No, not just for some but for everyone...." This is certainly true of the world in which we each live. Hate, anger, and malice appear to be winning the day while love is pushed to the background. The world needs love, but not just any love. The world needs the love of God.

The Bible tells us that God is love. "He who does not love does not know God, for God is love" (1 John 4:8). God is not only love; He loves every person in the world regardless of who he or she is. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit, wrote, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him" (Romans 5:8-9). God is under no obligation to save us from sin, "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)" (Ephesians 2:4-5).

This is the type of love that the world needs now. A love that seeks the spiritual good of those to whom it is directed. A sacrificial love. A great love. A godly love. A soul-saving love. Love, sweet love! Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35).

Since God loves us should we not be willing to love Him? "We love Him because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19). How does one express his or her love for God? "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome" (1 John 5:3). Have you expressed your love to God by accepting and obeying what He has commanded for your salvation?

Yes, "what the world needs now is love, sweet love, No, not just for some but for everyone!" - not just any love, but the love of God.