

Good News For Modern Man

Modern man has accomplished great things

- ◇ **Medicine**
- ◇ **Travel**
- ◇ **Technology**

“Things” do not make
a better society.

Ec.12; 2 Tim.3

“Our age is trying to drink its way to prosperity, destroy its way to plenty, war its way to peace, hate its way to love, sin its way to God, and drift its way upstream.”

This is the age of the . . .

- ◆ **Pessimist:** "What's the use?"
- ◆ **Atheist:** "No God, no hope."
- ◆ **Ambitious:** "Dog-eat-dog world..."
- ◆ **Strong:** "Might makes right."
- ◆ **Fatalist:** "Eat, drink, & be merry..."
 - 1 Co.15:32
 - Is.22:13

What is the cure?

- ◆ Aspirin?
- ◆ Strong drugs?
- ◆ Violence?
- ◆ Revolution?

The Gospel

Ac.26:16-18

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16 But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you. **17** I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, **18** to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me' – Acts 26

I. Message of Love For Age of Hate

Love: battle cry of 1960s

Results:

Lust ('love') – did what they wanted

Talk (very little action)

- ✓ 2 Tim.3:2, love of self
- ✓ Ph.2:21, self-centered

Gospel: message of love

John 3:16

- God, 1 Jn.4:19
- Brethren, 1 Th.4:9
- Family, Ep.5:25; Tit.2:4
- Neighbor, Ro.13:8

Love: known by its actions

NT: seek welfare of all

□ Ga.6:10 – **spiritual** (Christian)

Therefore, as we have opportunity,
let us do good to all,
especially to those who are
of the household of faith.

□ Lk.10, **physical** (Samaritan)

I. Message of Love For Age of Hate

II. Message of Peace
For Age of War

150 years of peace in last 2000

Solution: gospel

- "Peace": 88 times in NT
- Ro.1:7, everything Jew or Gentile ever dreamed of – in gospel

Isa.9:6. **Did Prince of Peace fail?**

- Peace with God: Ro.5:1
- Peace within: Ph.4:6-7
- Peace without: Hb.12:14

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**III. Message of Hope
For Age of Despair**

“Only go around once in life...”

- Ec.2:20
- False hope is evil
- True hope is good

Door, Jn.10:9.

Helmet, 1 Th.5:8 (1:3).

Anchor, Hb.6:19. 1 Pt.1:3-4 . . .

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**IV. Message of Faith
For Age of Doubt**

Many doubt existence of God,
virgin birth, Bible, Creation, etc.

- Gospel: message of faith (Acts 7)

Puts our mind in heaven,
like Moses on Pisgah...

- Hb.11:1, all rely on 'faith'
- 2 Co.5:7

We walk (live) by
believing, not by seeing