

Who Needs The Gospel?

Well, everyone, of course. One might as well ask "Who needs oxygen-rich air or the moisture of water?"

Those Who Think They Don't Need The Gospel:

Unbelief is a tragedy in that it not only allows for sinners to walk in sin without a conscience, but it also keeps sinners from the one remedy for their salvation, the gospel. - **Romans 1:16**

Like the alcoholic who will not admit that he has a problem, the unbeliever might not want to hear about God, learn about God, and certainly not obey the Word of God -- but he certainly does need Him as much as the drunk needs help.

Skeptics find themselves on "the third rock from the sun," doomed to annihilation after a few short years, and they don't need the gospel of everlasting salvation? Ha!

Believing is just the first of many challenges between the sinner & heaven. - **Acts 14:22**

If a person refuses to accept the truth about God and Jesus Christ, there is no hope. He hasn't taken the first step.

Hebrews 11:6; 2Corinthians 4:3; 1Peter 4:18

Those Who Are In Sin Need The Gospel:

There are some who believe in God, but who do not respond to the commands of the gospel and remain in sin.

The apostle Peter said they need to hear it and see it. - **1Peter 3:1**

Wives (and other Christians) can often do more to convert sinners than any preacher by simply living the life that a Christian ought to live.

Conversely, the devil's work is advanced by those who claim to be Christians and live like worldlings. - **Ecclesiastes 9:18**

Faithful Christians must not lose heart, and realize that the consistent practice of the greatest profession bears fruit unto everlasting life. To the point, one picture of a faithful servant of God is worth a thousand sermons. - **Hebrews 11**

Those Who Are Already Christians Still Need To Hear The Gospel:

It may seem like "preaching to the choir," but there is "continuing education" in many professions, as with Christianity. - **1Corinthians 8:2**

When a person gets to the point that he thinks he knows it all, he might just be getting to the point of really learning, as many Bible characters like Jonah and Peter demonstrate. So, there is the ongoing need for everyone to hear preaching and teaching of God's Word, especially after becoming a Christian! - **1Peter 2:2; John 8:31-32**

Gospel Preaching Is Sometimes For The Sake Of Onlookers:

God knows that many will not repent and serve Him, but for the sake of those who will, the Word should be preached. Noah preached for one hundred and twenty years, but only eight souls were saved. Why preach to those whom you know are already doomed? For the benefit of the eight who were listening - **Genesis 6; 2Peter 2:5; 1Peter 3:20**

We do a similar thing with our children. We deride bullies, thieves, the dishonest, and sluggards, not in hopes of changing the wayward as much as to impress our children with the wrongness of certain behaviors. There is a similar effect when the gospel is preached.

There is one Gospel for everyone!

God does not have one gospel for the party animals and another for the morally responsible, one set of rules for Christians and another set for non-Christians. The same Bible that is preached in church on Sunday morning is the same one that should be preached to the lost in prisons and among the godless masses, for the unity of the cause and the integrity of the Lord's business.

That's what Jesus said to do: - **Matthew 28:19-20**