

– 1Cor 13.4 –

Love Is Kind

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* **In Rom 12**, Paul tells us to “_____ without hypocrisy.”

* **In 1Cor 13**, Paul tells us what love _____, what it is _____, and what it _____ again.

1Cor 13.4 Love is patient, love is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices with the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never fails.

* **How does** this structure help us see the significance of patience and kindness?

* **When we** looked at “love is patient” on 10/13/19, we saw that God’s patience showed itself _____ the fall. God, who need wait for nothing, chose in creation to wait for _____. God, who could have had everything instantly, chose to make everything take _____, not to deny his joy, but to multiplying it. For unlike us, God not only loves the final product, he loves each moment and each _____ along the way.

* **What is** the basic meaning of *chresto*, the Greek word for kindness?

Mat 11.30 “My yoke is easy [*chresto*] and My burden is light.”

* **How is** the concept of kindness used in the OT?

Psalm 25.7 Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD. 8 Good and upright is the LORD; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.

Psalm 107.1 Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

Psalm 86.5 For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in lovingkindness to all who call upon You.

Psalm 109.21 Because Your lovingkindness is good, deliver me.

Psalm 69.16 Answer me, O LORD, for Your lovingkindness is good.

* **“Kind” in 1Cor 13.4** is a verb in the perfect tense, which means what?

* **Bottom line:** Kindness is that quality of God’s love that made him freely and irrevocably choose to _____ up his life with ours, even when we were sinners and enemies.

Rom 5.8 God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us ... 10 ... when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son ...

Titus 3.3 For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. 4 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared, 5 he saved us ...

* **We are** to emulate God's love & kindness to one another.

* **The early** _____ were also called *Chrestians* — ones made up of kindness (per Tertullian).

John 13.34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

* **"Kindness is** Christianity with its _____ clothes on."

* **Kindness is** connected to _____, which we desperately need in our day.

* **Kindness is** Christians dressing like the _____.

* **Kindness is** "a language that the _____ can hear and the _____ can read" (Mark Twain).

* **There is** an entire book devoted to illustrating kindness:
The Book of _____.

Ruth 1.16 But Ruth said: "Entreat me not to leave you, or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. 17 Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. The LORD do so to me, and more also, if anything but death parts you and me."