



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: Titus 3:3-8 (NAS)

“The Kindness of God”

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- 3 For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.
- 4 But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared,
- 5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,
- 6 whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,
- 7 so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
- 8 This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men.

### **I. KINDNESS DEFINED**

- A. Common And Familiar Word
- B. Noted As A Defining Part Of Love
- C. Part Of The Fruit Of God’s Spirit
  1. Communicable attribute of God

### **II. GOD’S KINDNESS**

- A. Psalms – His Lovingkindness Is Everlasting
- B. Evidenced Throughout The Old Testament
  1. Covering for Adam
  2. A fish for Jonah
  3. Freedom for Israel from Egypt

4. A promised land provided

C. God’s Kindness Is Undeserved *Titus 3:3; Romans 3:23; 6:23; 5:10; 3:10-12*

D. Displayed In His Son *John 1:14; 15:3*

### **III. THE KINDNESS OF MAN**

A. Often Done To Gain Glory (Not True Kindness)

B. Jesus’ Parable Of The Good Samaritan *Luke 10:25-37*

C. Boaz’s Act Of Kindness *Ruth 2:13*

### **APPLICATION**

1. Do You Know The Kindness Of God? *Acts 16:31*
2. Does Your Life Display God’s Kindness?