

**"KINDNESS & GOODNESS"**

**(Galatians 5:22 - 26)**

**INTRODUCTION** - the next two "fruit of the Spirit"

**1. "KINDNESS"**

1) **Kindness defined** - describes an attitude of goodness towards another person; showing or having a gentle considerate nature; good-hearted; willing to help others.

2) **Characteristic of God:**

(Psalm 31:21) "His marvelous kindness"

(Psalm 107:43) "the loving-kindness of the Lord"

(Psalm 117:1-2) "for His merciful kindness"

(Psalm 119:76) "Your merciful kindness"

(Ephesians 2:4-7) "of His great love ... grace ... in His kindness toward us ..."

(Titus 3:3-5) "when the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared"

3) **Characteristic of us, the "new man"**

(Colossians 3:9-10) "since you have put off the old man with his deeds,

and have put on the new man ... put on tender mercies, kindness, ..."

(Romans 12:10) "Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love"

(1 Corinthians 13:4) "Love suffers long and is kind"

(Ephesians 4:32) "And be kind to one another"

**2. "GOODNESS"**

1) **Goodness defined** - be upright and kind in our feeling and actions; do good; to bestow a benefit; charity; a deed that's becoming or fitting; profitable; gracious.

2) **Characteristic of God:**

(Romans 2:4) "the riches of His goodness ... the goodness of God"

(2 Thessalonians 1:11-12) "fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness"

(Psalm 31:19) "how great is Your goodness"

(Psalm 107:8, v15, v21, v31) "give thanks to the Lord for His goodness"

(Psalm 136:1) "give thanks to the Lord, for He is good."

3) **Characteristic of us:**

(Ephesians 5:8-10) "Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth)"

(Titus 3:8) "maintain good works ... things are good and profitable to men"

(2 Corinthians 9:8) "have an abundance for every good work"

(Romans 12:21) "but overcome evil with good"