

Call to Worship

Sung as a round – taken from I John 3:1

Behold what manner of love the Father has given unto us;

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That we should be called the children of God

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Responsive Reading

(Taken from Psalm 133:1 - 2, Matthew 5:43-47)

Leader

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for the brethren to dwell together in unity!

Response

It is like the precious anointing poured upon our heads.

Leader

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.

Response

For if ye love them who love you, what reward have you?

Leader

But if you show love to them who mistreat you, you are acting like children of your Father who is in heaven.

Unison

Blessed is the Name of the Lord.

Kind

Kindness is one of the fruit of the Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit are characteristics that naturally grow in people who walk with the Lord in their daily life. A list of the fruit of the Spirit is in Galatians.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

You might notice, these fruit come in bunches – like grapes! You cannot seem to have one without also have some of the others. Look at the definition of *kindness*.

Kindness – Goodness in action. Gentleness in dealing with others, benevolence. The word describes the ability to act for the welfare of those taxing your patience.

Notice in this definition, that there are two other fruits mentioned while defining kindness: gentleness and patience (that is the same thing as longsuffering).

There are countless stories in the Bible we can recall when Jesus was acting in a *kind* manner. A few that may leap to mind are

- ❑ When Jesus said - Let the children come to me (Mark 10 & Luke 18)
- ❑ When Jesus healed the centurion's servant (Matthew 8 & Luke 7)
- ❑ When Jesus forgave a sinful woman (John 8)

How can we show *kindness* in our daily lives? Perhaps in the way we answer someone's question or in the way we help another – even when they should be able to do it themselves. Let's remember the *kindness* of Jesus and the way He has treated us.

Benediction

The glory of the Lord shall endure forever:
The Lord shall rejoice in His works.
I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live:
I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

From **Psalms 104:31,33**