**BELIEVE GRAPHIC WITH TITLE AND KEY IDEA**

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* Christian kindness is a supernaturally generous orientation of our hearts toward other people, even when they don’t deserve it and don’t love us in return.”

1. **Celebrate what God’s kindness means to you.**

**Psalm 107:1**

*Give thanks to the Lord, for* ***he is good****; his love endures forever.*

***Titus 3:3-7***

*3At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. 4But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, 6whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.*

1. **Demonstrate how God’s kindness works through you.**

**Key Verse:** *Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.* ***1 Thessalonians 5:15***

***Colossians 3:12***

*Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion,* ***kindness****, humility, gentleness and patience.*

***Luke 6:27-36***

*27“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. 29If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. 30Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. 31Do to others as you would have them do to you.*

*32“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. 33And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. 34And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. 35But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. 36Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.*

You pray for your enemies.

You behave like a child of God.

You follow God’s example.

You choose God’s reward.

You choose to relate counter-culturally.

***The following verse is not for the sermon PP but is a closing benediction at the end of the service.***

**2 Thessalonians 1:11**

*With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you* *worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition* ***your*** ***every desire for goodness*** *and* ***your every deed prompted by faith****.”*