June 11, 2023. Welcome to Atlee Church Online. We are so glad you joined us today!

LOVE IS KIND

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Colossians 3:12-13

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32

And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

PSALM 15:2-5

The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart; whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others; who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the Lord; who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind...

1 CORINTHIANS 2:12

2 What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

Ephesians 2: 6-7

6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in

Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches

of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

ROMANS 2:4

4 ... do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not

realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?

God's kindness is extended to all.

LUKE 6:35

35 But 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.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: Soften my heart, Lord. Make me mellow in my responses to and interactions with others. Cultivate this kindness in me. Help me slow down and look for opportunities to be kind. Fill me and empower the fruit of kindness to flow from me heart, mind, and actions. Amen.

QUESTIONS

- 1. Does the kindness I show to others reflect God's kindness to me? Journal some examples?
- 2. Do I show kindness to myself in equal measure to others and the level of kindness God has shown me?

- 3. How much do I sacrifice for others instead of showing selfishness?
- 4. Do I seek to gain from the kindness I show, or is it pure and sincere kindness? How do I know?
- 5. Do my kind acts have the components of mercy, love and compassion? How so?

<u>Today's Music</u>

Take You at Your Word – Cody Carnes

Raise A Hallelujah – Bethel

Lord I Need You – Matt Maher