

FREE AT LAST! THE MESSAGE OF GALATIANS
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The Fruitful Gospel: Kindness – Galatians 5:16-26

I. The fruit of the Spirit is kindness.

5:22 *“But the fruit of the Spirit is...kindness...”*

A. God is kind.

cf. Psa. 34:8; 136:1; Rom. 2:4; 11:22; Titus 3:3-8

B. God’s people are kind.

:25, 26 *“Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.”*

cf. Matt. 5:43-48; Lk. 6:27-36; I Cor. 13:4; II Cor. 6:6

II. Kindness is contrary to our fallen nature.

:17 *“For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature.”*

A. We must forgive rather than retaliate.

:19-21a *“The acts of the sinful nature are obvious...hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy...”*

cf. Luke 23:34; John 8:1-11; Acts 7:59, 60; II Tim. 4:16

B. We must serve rather than be served.

cf. Lk. 7:11-17, 36-50; 8:40-56; 10:25-37; 13:1-17; 18:15-17; 23:34; John 8:1-11; 13:1-17; 19:25-27