

Bible Study #13

BROTHERLY KINDNESS

BROTHERLY KINDNESS is rendered “brotherly love” or “love for the brethren.” In the original Greek, the word used is “philadelphos” – to love one's fellow countryman. In the Christian community, it sums up the support of Christians to each other.

Begin memorizing **Romans 12:10**

“Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love.” - Romans 12:10

1. What do we read about God's kindness? **Nehemiah 9:17** He is abounding in lovingkindness.
2. How long will God's kindness endure? **Isaiah 54:8** Forever

The Lord's kindness had no beginning and it has no end; it is eternal.

3. According to **Ephesians 2:6-7**, how does God show His kindness to us? (vs 7) He shows us His surpassing riches of His grace
4. Read **Titus 3:4-7** and tell what God's kindness has done for mankind. (vs 5) He sent His son to die for mankind that we might have eternal life.

note: kindness and goodness are synonymous in the Scripture references in this study.

5. According to the following scriptures, are we able to teach ourselves brotherly love?
1 Thessalonians 4:9 No, we are taught by God.
1 John 4:7 No, love comes from God.
6. God's Word is our spiritual food. Read **1 Peter 2:2-3** and write that which we want to taste of him. (vs 3) We want to taste His kindness.

GRACIOUS – good, kind, obliging, courteous. Let us constantly taste of His kindness as we feed upon His Word.

7. What are ways of being kind to others according to the following scriptures?
Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and forgive others as God has forgiven us.
Romans 15:1-2 Bearing others in their weaknesses and edifying our neighbors.
Matthew 25:35-40
vs. 35 By meeting the needs of someone that is in need.
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8. Read **Acts 14:14-18** and write the different ways that we witness the Lord's kindness. (vs 17) He provides food and satisfies our hearts with gladness.
9. What is the purpose of God's kindness or goodness in **Romans 2:4**? It leads us to repentance.
10. Read **Romans 11:22**. Consider the kindness and stern nature of God. Write out your personal expression of thanks to your Heavenly Father for His kindness toward you. I am grateful that He continues to forgive me and that He provides for my needs out of kindness.
11. What does **Hebrews 13:1** tell us. To continue to love the brethren.

Brotherly kindness is a mutual love that children of the same father share. IN the New Testament, it always means love of the fellow believer, because we all have the same Heavenly Father.

As our love for the brethren develops and matures, we will come even closer to God in being like Him. As we become more like Him, we will come to love unconditionally as He does.

12. Is your love a conditional love or an unconditional love? Typically it is conditional but I strive to have an unconditional love.

From memory, write out your memory verse from the beginning of this Bible study.

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