



# IN HIS IMAGE

GRACE IN ACTION

## THE IMAGE OF GOD: THEN AND NOW

- AT CREATION: GOOD BUT INCOMPLETE
- POST FALL: MARRED AND BLURRY
- AFTER RETURN OF CHRIST: COMPLETE AND PERFECT

## WORK OF THE SPIRIT

- <sup>NAS</sup> **2 CORINTHIANS 3:18** BUT WE ALL, WITH UNVEILED FACE BEHOLDING AS IN A MIRROR THE GLORY OF THE LORD, ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO THE SAME IMAGE FROM GLORY TO GLORY, JUST AS FROM THE LORD, THE SPIRIT.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **GALATIANS 5:22** BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS ...



**THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS KINDNESS**

## KINDNESS IS ...

1. THE STATE OR QUALITY OF BEING KIND.
2. A KIND ACT; FAVOR.
3. KIND BEHAVIOR.

➤ SYNONYMS: BENEVOLENCE, GENEROSITY, CHARITY,  
SYMPATHY, COMPASSION, TENDERNESS.



**THE KINDNESS OF GOD**

## GOD'S KINDNESS RESULTS IN SALVATION

- <sup>ESV</sup> **PSALM 25:4** MAKE ME TO KNOW YOUR WAYS, O LORD; TEACH ME YOUR PATHS. <sup>5</sup> LEAD ME IN YOUR TRUTH AND TEACH ME, FOR YOU ARE THE GOD OF MY SALVATION; FOR YOU I WAIT ALL THE DAY LONG. <sup>6</sup> REMEMBER YOUR MERCY, O LORD, AND YOUR STEADFAST LOVE, FOR THEY HAVE BEEN FROM OF OLD. <sup>7</sup> REMEMBER NOT THE SINS OF MY YOUTH OR MY TRANSGRESSIONS; ACCORDING TO YOUR STEADFAST LOVE REMEMBER ME, FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR GOODNESS, O LORD! <sup>8</sup> GOOD AND UPRIGHT IS THE LORD; THEREFORE HE INSTRUCTS SINNERS IN THE WAY. <sup>9</sup> HE LEADS THE HUMBLE IN WHAT IS RIGHT, AND TEACHES THE HUMBLE HIS WAY. <sup>10</sup> ALL THE PATHS OF THE LORD ARE STEADFAST LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS, FOR THOSE WHO KEEP HIS COVENANT AND HIS TESTIMONIES. <sup>11</sup> FOR YOUR NAME'S SAKE, O LORD, PARDON MY GUILT, FOR IT IS GREAT.

## GOD'S KINDNESS DEFINED

- <sup>NAS</sup> **TITUS 3:4** BUT WHEN THE KINDNESS OF GOD OUR SAVIOR AND HIS LOVE FOR MANKIND APPEARED, <sup>5</sup> HE SAVED US ...
  - *LIT., BUT WHEN THE KINDNESS, NAMELY LOVE TOWARD MANKIND APPEARED HE SAVED US*



## KINDNESS: BY THE WORKING OF THE SPIRIT

- <sup>NAS</sup> **TITUS 3:4** BUT WHEN THE KINDNESS OF GOD OUR SAVIOR ... APPEARED, <sup>5</sup> HE SAVED US ... ACCORDING TO HIS MERCY, BY THE WASHING OF REGENERATION AND RENEWING BY THE HOLY SPIRIT,
  - REGENERATION = REBIRTH, RECREATION

- <sup>NAS</sup> **JOHN 3:3** JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID TO HIM, "TRULY, TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, UNLESS ONE IS BORN AGAIN, HE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD...<sup>5</sup> JESUS ANSWERED, "TRULY, TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, UNLESS ONE IS BORN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT, HE CANNOT ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD. <sup>6</sup> "THAT WHICH IS BORN OF THE FLESH IS FLESH, AND THAT WHICH IS BORN OF THE SPIRIT IS SPIRIT. <sup>7</sup> "DO NOT MARVEL THAT I SAID TO YOU, 'YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN.' <sup>8</sup> "THE WIND BLOWS WHERE IT WISHES AND YOU HEAR THE SOUND OF IT, BUT DO NOT KNOW WHERE IT COMES FROM AND WHERE IT IS GOING; SO IS EVERYONE WHO IS BORN OF THE SPIRIT."

- <sup>ASV</sup> **1 PETER 1:3** BLESSED *BE* THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO ACCORDING TO HIS GREAT MERCY BEGAT US AGAIN UNTO A LIVING HOPE BY THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD,
- <sup>NIV</sup> **GALATIANS 6:15** NEITHER CIRCUMCISION NOR UNCIRCUMCISION MEANS ANYTHING; WHAT COUNTS IS A NEW CREATION.

## KINDNESS: IN JESUS CHRIST

- <sup>NAS</sup> **TITUS 3:4** BUT WHEN THE KINDNESS OF GOD OUR SAVIOR ...APPEARED, <sup>5</sup> HE SAVED US... ACCORDING TO HIS MERCY, BY THE WASHING OF REGENERATION AND RENEWING BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, <sup>6</sup> WHOM HE Poured OUT UPON US RICHLY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR,

- <sup>NAS</sup> **EPHESIANS 2:10** FOR WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS FOR GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD PREPARED BEFOREHAND, THAT WE SHOULD WALK IN THEM.
- <sup>ESV</sup> **2 CORINTHIANS 5:17** THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATION. THE OLD HAS PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, THE NEW HAS COME.
- <sup>NIV</sup> **COLOSSIANS 3:10** AND HAVE PUT ON THE NEW SELF, WHICH IS BEING RENEWED IN KNOWLEDGE IN THE IMAGE OF ITS CREATOR.

## KINDNESS: BY GRACE

- <sup>NAS</sup> **TITUS 3:4** BUT WHEN THE KINDNESS OF GOD OUR SAVIOR AND *HIS* LOVE FOR MANKIND APPEARED, <sup>5</sup> HE SAVED US...<sup>7</sup> THAT BEING JUSTIFIED BY HIS GRACE WE MIGHT BE MADE HEIRS ACCORDING TO *THE* HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE.
- <sup>ESV</sup> **EPHESIANS 2:8** FOR BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH FAITH. AND THIS IS NOT YOUR OWN DOING; IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD,

## SUMMARY

- BECAUSE GOD IS LOVE, AND BECAUSE HE LOVES US, HE DEALS WITH US BASED UPON HIS GRACE, AND KINDNESS IS HIS GRACE IN ACTION
- KINDNESS OF GOD: IT IS OUR SALVATION BASED ON THE GRACE OF GOD DELIVERED TO US BY THE WORKING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH OUR UNION WITH JESUS CHRIST

## KINDNESS INITIATES OUR SALVATION

- <sup>NAS</sup> **ROMANS 2:4** OR DO YOU THINK LIGHTLY OF THE RICHES OF HIS KINDNESS AND FORBEARANCE AND PATIENCE, NOT KNOWING THAT THE KINDNESS OF GOD LEADS YOU TO REPENTANCE?



## KINDNESS WILL PERFECT OUR SALVATION

- <sup>ESV</sup> **EPHESIANS 2:4** BUT GOD, BEING RICH IN MERCY, **BECAUSE OF THE GREAT LOVE WITH WHICH HE LOVED US,** <sup>5</sup> EVEN WHEN WE WERE DEAD IN OUR TRESPASSES, MADE US ALIVE TOGETHER WITH CHRIST--**BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED**-- <sup>6</sup> AND RAISED US UP WITH HIM AND SEATED US WITH HIM IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES IN CHRIST JESUS, <sup>7</sup> **SO THAT IN THE COMING AGES HE MIGHT SHOW** THE IMMEASURABLE RICHES OF **HIS GRACE IN KINDNESS TOWARD US IN CHRIST JESUS.**

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# CONCLUSIONS

## OUR RESPONSIBILITY

- <sup>NAS</sup> **PHILIPPIANS 2:12** SO THEN, MY BELOVED, JUST AS YOU HAVE ALWAYS OBEYED, NOT AS IN MY PRESENCE ONLY, BUT NOW MUCH MORE IN MY ABSENCE, WORK OUT YOUR SALVATION WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING; <sup>13</sup> FOR IT IS GOD WHO IS AT WORK IN YOU, BOTH TO WILL AND TO WORK FOR *HIS* GOOD PLEASURE.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **GALATIANS 5:25** IF WE LIVE BY THE SPIRIT, LET US ALSO WALK BY THE SPIRIT.

## OUR CALLING

- <sup>NAS</sup> **COLOSSIANS 3:12** AND SO, AS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN OF GOD, HOLY AND BELOVED, PUT ON A HEART OF COMPASSION, KINDNESS, HUMILITY, GENTLENESS AND PATIENCE;

- <sup>NAS</sup> **COLOSSIANS 3:3** FOR YOU HAVE DIED AND YOUR LIFE IS HIDDEN WITH CHRIST IN GOD. <sup>4</sup> WHEN CHRIST, WHO IS OUR LIFE, IS REVEALED, THEN YOU ALSO WILL BE REVEALED WITH HIM IN GLORY... <sup>10</sup> ... PUT ON THE NEW SELF WHO IS BEING RENEWED TO A TRUE KNOWLEDGE ACCORDING TO THE IMAGE OF THE ONE WHO CREATED HIM