

**Christ's Love Is Kind**

1 Corinthians 13:4 & John 13:34

**Introduction:** You're Mean! You're Reckless! You're Unloving! You're Un-Christ like!

1. **LOVE:** AGAPE ( noun - ἀγάπη , verb - ἀγαπάω )

- A. Unregenerate, unsaved people have a quality of this form of love, Luke 11:43.
- B. Regenerated, saved people can demonstrate two qualities of this form of love, John 13:34; 1 John 3:11, 12.
- C. The Christ-like quality of this form of love is to be righteously directed only to ones God the Father loves, Heb. 12:6; John 13:34.

2. **KIND:** CHRESTEUOMAI (verb- χρηστεύομαι , noun- χρηστός, Green pg. 205)

- A. Christ-like AGAPE - love acts kind, 1 Cor. 13:4.
- B. Kindness is defined: gentle, benign, useful, profitable, good, agreeable in the Greek lexicons.
- C. Scripture defines it to be the characteristic of having a "mellow benevolence": Matt. 11:30 a yoke, Luke 5:39 old wine, God the Father to all Jews Luke 6:35; God the Father to the lost Rom. 2:4; the Lord to Christians 1 Pet. 2:3; Christian to another Christian Eph. 4:32.

3. **Christ-likeness Demonstrated in the Gospels:**

- A. Towards Satan's Sons/Children – John 8:44; Matt. 23:13-36
- B. Towards false doctrine – Luke 16:1-12 (non-responsive); Luke 12:20 (called them fools or morons); Matt. 23:17-23 (expose and correct)
- C. Towards Satan working through believers – Luke 16:13-16; 17-20.
- D. Towards fleshly practices – Matt. 21:12-17 (ignores them and speaks to a third person); John 2:13-16 (exposes and corrects)
- E. The exhortation given to spiritual Christians – Eph. 4:26
  - Be angry (explosive wrath that is quickly released)
  - Sin not by adding alongside the anger other things over time: hatred, bitterness, unforgiving spirit, murder, slander, etc.)