



"So many of you have lost everything. I don't know what to say to you. But the Lord does know what to say to you...Many of you have asked the Lord – why lord? And to each of you, to your heart, Christ responds with his heart from the cross. I have no more words for you. Let us look to Christ. He is the Lord. He understands us because he underwent all the trials that we, that you, have experienced." – Pope Francis

"To learn how to love, not just accumulating information, is the most important lesson in life."

Pope Francis



### KINDNESS

chresteuomai (khraste-yoo'-om-ahee) to show oneself useful, act benevolently (do good to others)

ALTRUISM: concern for other people (altrui or others), opposing egoism (self-centeredness)

We must be kind because GOD is kind

# Exodus 33:19

And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

# Romans 2:4

Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance?

We are COMMANDED to show kindness

2 Timothy 2:23-24

Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.

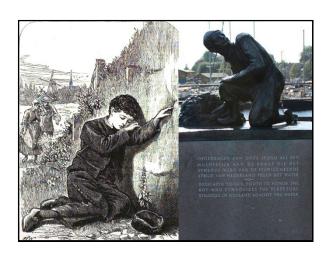
Ephesians 4:31-32
Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.
Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

To be kind is to CONSIDER the needs of others









Philippians 2:3-4
Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

To be kind is to UNDERSTAND people FIRST

Colossians 4:5

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

"Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a harder battle."



-Plato

To be kind is to SPEAK words of encouragement

Ephesians 4:29

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

James 1:19-20

My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.

God's kindness was revealed through Christ

## Romans 5:6-8

"...when we were still powerless,
Christ died for the ungodly. Very
rarely will anyone die for a righteous
man, though for a good man
someone might possibly dare to die.
But God demonstrates his own love
for us in this: While we were still
sinners, Christ died for us."

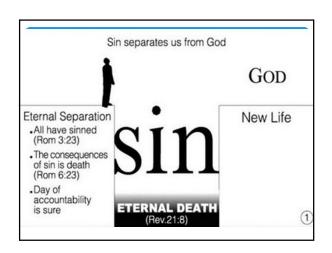
John 3:16
"For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."



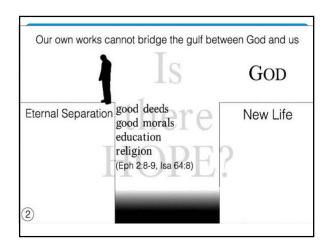


# "..the world..." Romans 3:23 All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Isaiah 59:1-2 Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened so

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened so that it cannot save, nor is His ear heavy so that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have come between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you, from hearing.



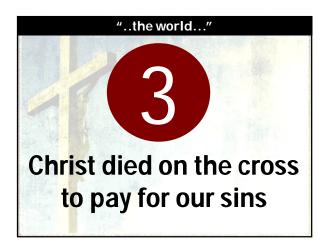


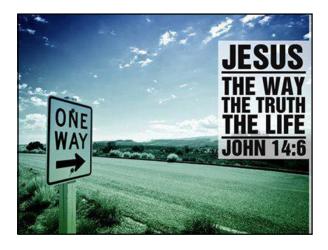


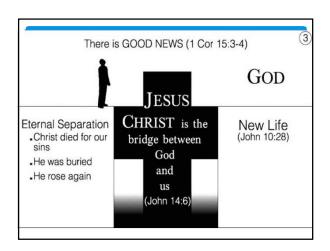
"..that He gave His only-begotten Son..."

Isaiah 64:6 (MKJV)- But we are all as the unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as a menstruation cloth.

And we all fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.









For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved through Him. He who believes on Him is not condemned, but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son

of God.







