

# Sermon notes - November 26th – 2023

Text: Titus 3:3-7 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared...

I. Jesus appeared as an expression of God's kindness.

Kindness: friendly, generous, and considerate, selfless, caring, compassionate.

A nice word, an unexpected deed, a planned surprise.

Motivated by genuine warm feelings. Putting others needs before our own. It might be giving up our seat on a bus to someone who might need it more or offering to make a cup of tea for someone at work.

Philippians 2:3 (NIV) 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

Jesus was an example of this. He made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant.

God is not just wise. He is not just precise. He is not impersonal. He is not like a computer, just calculating the best options. He is kind.

II. God is kind to everybody.

Luke 6:35 (NIV) 35 But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.

Matthew 27:42 (NIV) 42 "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.

Kindness kept Jesus on from coming down.

Jesus surrendered to kindness instead of provocation.

Romans 2:4 God's kindness is intended to lead mankind to repentance.

### III. Heaven will be filled with the Kindness of God

Ephesians 2:6-7 (NIV) 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

We will need immortal bodies to fully absorb God's unfiltered kindness throughout all of eternit