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Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

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- The fruit of the Spirit wasn't written for peaceful people who had it all together. It was written for broken people who desperately needed the Spirit.
- What kind of kindness could transform a church that was falling apart—and what kind of kindness could transform us ?

Galatians 3:1-5 (NLT)

¹“Oh, foolish Galatians! Who has cast an evil spell on you? For the meaning of Jesus Christ's death was made as clear to you as if you had seen a picture of His death on the cross. ²Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit by obeying the law of Moses? Of course not! You received the Spirit because you believed the message you heard about Christ. ³How foolish can you be? After starting your new lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort? ⁴Have you experienced so much for nothing? Surely it was not in vain, was it? ⁵I ask you again, does God give you the Holy Spirit and work miracles among you because you obey the law? Of course not! It is because you believe the message you heard about Christ.”

- Do you want to live by human effort, or by God's promise?
- Paul is moving the Galatians from slavery to relationship.

Galatians 5:15 (NLT)

"But if you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! Beware of destroying one another."

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Romans 2:4 (NLT)

"Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you?... Can't you see that God's kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?"

HOLY SPIRIT-PRODUCED KINDNESS...

1. Spirit-produced kindness changes how we see people.
2. Spirit-produced kindness changes how we respond.
3. Spirit-produced kindness points people to Jesus.

ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT TWO SIMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. Am I living like the Galatians, trying to earn what Christ has already given me?
2. Or am I living in the freedom of knowing that I am God's beloved child?