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chrestotes "goodness" (a) in the sense of what is upright, righteous; (b) in the sense of kindness of heart or action

Vines: "not merely goodness as a quality, rather it is goodness in action, goodness expressing itself in deeds... in grace and tenderness and compassion."

Ex. 34:6 "Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth"

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The Kindness Of God

Universal Kindness

Luke 6:35 "But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men."

Tit. 2:11 "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men"

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Our Practice Of Kindness

Oft Forgotten

Judg. 8:34,5 "Thus the sons of Israel did not remember the LORD their God, who had delivered them from the hands of all their enemies on every side; nor did they show kindness to the household of Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon), in accord with all the good that he had done to Israel."

Rom. 3:10-18 "as it is written, "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE...THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD, THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE."

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Our Practice Of Kindness

Still Required Of Christians

Col. 3:12,13 "And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you."

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Starts With The Heart

Eph. 4:31,32 "...be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you."

Prov. 3:3,4 "Do not let kindness and truth leave you; Bind them around your neck. Write them on the tablet of your heart So you will find favor and good repute In the sight of God and man."

Prov. 19:22 "What is desirable in a man is his kindness"

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Shown In Action

Acts 9:36-39 "this woman was abounding with deeds of kindness and charity, which she continually did...showing all the tunics and garments that Dorcas used to make while she was with them."

Acts 28:2 "And the natives showed us extraordinary kindness...they kindled a fire and received us all."

Luke 10:33,34 "he felt compassion, and came to him, and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him."

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