



*“ ... God’s kindness
leads you toward
repentance...”*

**"The Riches of God's
Kindness"**

Romans 2:4

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Romans 2:1-11 (NKJV)

¹ Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. ² But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things.

Romans 2:1-11 (NKJV)

³ And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God? ⁴ Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

Romans 2:1-11 (NKJV)

⁵ But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, ⁶ who “will render to each one according to his deeds”: ⁷ eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality;

Romans 2:1-11 (NKJV)

⁸ but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath, ⁹ tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; ¹⁰ but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹¹ For there is no partiality with God.

GOD'S KINDNESS (Rom. 2:4)

4 Or do you despise the riches of His **goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? 5 But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,**



CHRĒSTOS (Rom. 2:4)

“GOODNESS”

“KINDNESS”



GOD'S KINDNESS (Rom. 2:4)

FORBEARANCE (*ANOCHE*)
=TOLERANCE ()

LONGSUFFERING (*MAKROTHUMIAS*)
= PATIENCE

Nehemiah 9:31-32; Exod. 20:5-6;



THE WRONG PERSPECTIVE

**To despise the riches of God's kindness
(Romans 2:4a)**



“To despise” (Rom. 2:4)

- **To treat with contempt**
- **To look down on**
- **To think nothing of**


THE WRONG PERSPECTIVE

**TO DESPISE THE KINDNESS OF GOD
IS TO PRESUME THAT IT IS THE
BASIS FOR A PERSON TO ESCAPE
GOD'S JUDGMENT.**



LIFE TRUTH:

**GOD'S KINDNESS IS NOT A TOKEN
THAT WE WILL ESCAPE HIS JUDGMENT
BUT THAT WE MAY TURN FROM EVIL
AND TURN TO GOD.**





THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE

**“The goodness of God leads you
to **repentance.**”**





“REPENTANCE”

A CHANGE OF MIND

TURNING FROM ONE’S SINS

A CHANGE OF WAY



REPENTANCE

A reorientation of one's whole life and personality, which includes the adoption of a new ethical line of conduct, a forsaking of sin and turning to righteousness.

(Alan Richardson, *A Theological Word Book of the Bible*)

THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE

**GOD'S KINDNESS IS EVIDENCED BY
EXTREME EAGERNESS TO SAVE
HUMANS FROM CONDEMNATION.**

See Jeremiah 3:6-14

Isaiah 55:6-7

**6 Seek the LORD while He may be found,
Call upon Him while He is near. 7 Let the
wicked forsake his way, And the
unrighteous man his thoughts; **Let him
return to the LORD**, And He will have
mercy on him; And to our God, For He will
abundantly pardon.**

Ezekiel 33:7-11

7 “So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me. 8 When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked man, you shall surely die!’ and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand.

Ezekiel 33:7-11 (NKJV)

9 Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.

Ezekiel 33:7-11 (NKJV)

¹⁰ “Therefore you, O son of man, say to the house of Israel: ‘Thus you say, “If our transgressions and our sins lie upon us, and we pine away in them, how can we then live?” ’ ¹¹ Say to them: ‘As I live,’ says the Lord GOD, **I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?’**

2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV)

“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but **is longsuffering toward us**, not willing that any should perish but that **all should come to repentance.**”

See 1 Tim. 2:4; Rev. 2:18-21