

# Blindness to God's Kindness

## Romans 2:4

Because He created the world, and us, **God owns us**; we are accountable to Him

But He has a good plan and purpose; He wants **to lavish His goodness on us and He wants us to praise and serve Him**

In Romans 1, Paul explains that **creation around us reveals to us that there is a powerful, wise, good God**

But **mankind has refused to acknowledge Him**

Man **deserves the wrath of God, not His kindness**

In Romans 2, Paul begins speaking to judgmental people

### What?

**We need to leave sin behind and seek God who is kind**

God's kindness is His goodness that He offers everyone—

He gives us life and breath, and holds the universe together

He also makes the sun shine and the rain fall on everyone

It includes the goodness we see in humans, like compassion

It also includes beauty, like art, literature and music

God intends that all of these things will **cause us to turn away from our guilty, judgmental, sinful ways** to seek Him

We deserve God's wrath, but right now He continues to **tolerate our offensive ways**

He is also **patient, waiting for us to turn to Him**

**We hold God's kindness in contempt** by not acknowledging Him, and by judging others

*Romans 3:12, NET—All have turned away, together they have become worthless; there is no one who shows kindness, not even one”*

**The Big Question—Is God fair to expect people to know what He wants just from seeing Him in creation?**

God intends that seeing creation will **cause us to seek Him**

Our own personhood also proves that this God is personal

Our **sense of right and wrong** tells us that there is a God

Instead, **man suppresses this knowledge of God's existence**

We presume to be God, judging others but not ourselves

Connection with Jesus—

Jesus' crucifixion is the greatest example of contempt

*Matthew 27:39-43, NIV—Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads... In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. “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. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”*

### So What?

We can be **morally judgmental while excusing ourselves**

This presumes to be God, but in **judging others we condemn ourselves**

But the good news is that **God bears with us for now, and patiently waits** for us to turn to Him

The last word—Paul

*Titus 3:4-5, NIV—But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy*

### Now What?

If you haven't already, consider that God is showing you His kindness to lead you to Himself

If you are a believer, check your heart for a judgmental attitude, and ask God for a humble spirit