

BOOK OF ROMANS

Romans 2:1-5

Key Phrases

- **We know:** An awareness of what is commonly known and obvious.
- **You think:** To calculate or estimate.
- **Despise:** To think down on, to treat with contempt.
- **Riches of His goodness:** the benefits God gives.
- **Forbearance:** To hold back, to withhold judgment.
- **Longsuffering:** Used to describe a powerful ruler who chose to willfully withhold punishment to a deserving criminal.
- **Repentance:** The act of turning from sin to Christ for forgiveness.
- **Hardness:** The Greek word from which we get “sclerosis,” that is, a hardening of one’s heart.

Discussion Questions

1. How does God, as the perfect judge, differ from other judges that you know? What similarities exist between Him and them?
2. What are the sins you are tempted to excuse in yourself while condemning them in others?
3. How does our tendency to focus on others’ shortcomings interfere with our ability to address things that need to be addressed in our own lives?
4. How would you use these verses to speak to someone who thinks that because they are good, they are saved?
5. What is some of the evidence we have that people have ignored God’s goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering today?
6. What are some ways that we can guard ourselves as believers, and as a church, against the danger of improper judgment or assessment of sin?