

Longsuffering of God
Romans 2:3-10
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn about the longsuffering of God in Romans 2.

- Intro:
1. What does it mean to be longsuffering?
 2. Is God longsuffering to man today?
 3. What does His longsuffering mean to us? (**Rom 2:3-10**)

I. God's Longsuffering Demands Evaluation of Sin

- A. The world of Paul's day was a sinful world (**Rom 1:21-32**)
- B. The Jewish people were no better than anyone else (**Rom 2:1-3**)
- C. Until we realize sin is against God, people will have no real appreciation for God's longsuffering (**Ps 51:4**)

II. God Knows Sin's Potential (**Heb 3:12-13**)

- A. Sin can harden the heart.
- B. Sin can harden to extent one cannot be led to repent (**Heb 6:6**)
- C. Therefore, when you practice sin God knows we are at risk to be separated from Him, for eternity (**Isa 59:2**).
 1. For this reason God sent His Son (**1 Jn 4:10**).

III. Lessons for Us Today

- A. God is longsuffering because He loves man
 1. God demonstrates His love for us (**Rom 5:6-10**)
- B. Sin requires a response from us.
 1. We must respond to God's commands in order to take advantage of the longsuffering of God (**Acts 2:40-41**)

Application & Conclusion:

1. God's longsuffering men's man has a chance for salvation (**2 Pt 3:15**)
2. Man would do well not to take advantage of God's longsuffering (**Ecc 8:11-12**)
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11-12, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent & Pray: James 5:16, 1 John 1:9