

Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

13. Riches of Full Assurance of Understanding

* **Colossians 2:2** that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and *attaining* to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ,

B. It Accompanies F_____

—Romans 2:4b

1. Jesus "Put up with" His Disciples
→ **Matthew 17:17**

2. Paul "Put up with Persecution"
→ **1 Corinthians 4:12**

3. Ephesians were to Suffer Long and Bear up with One Another
→ **Ephesians 4:2**

C. It W_____ in God's Goodness t_____ Repentance—*Romans 2:1-4*

1. Judging the Gentile World's Depravity is Not Wise—*Romans 2:1*

2. God Judges according to Truth—*Romans 2:2-3*

3. God Will Judge All

4. No One Will Escape

5. Jew and Gentile Should not Despise God's Goodness—**2:4**

APPLICATION:

TEXT: Exodus 34:6

TITLE: "God is Long-suffering!" (part 3) (Series: Attributes of God)

→ Evidence for God's Long-Suffering

→ **QUOTE: "Appreciate the patience of God. Think how He has borne with you, and still bears with you, when so much in your life is unworthy of Him, and you have so richly deserved His rejection. Learn to marvel at His patience, and seek grace to imitate it in your dealings with other men; and try not to try His patience any more" (J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*, p. 150.)**

1. The LORD's Self-Description Exodus 34:6-7

And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave *the guilty* unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations."

2. David's Sure Testimony Psalms 86:15

But You, O Lord, *are* a God full of compassion, and gracious, Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.

Psalms 103:8

The LORD *is* merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.

Psalms 145:8-9

The LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy.
The LORD *is* good to all,
And His tender mercies *are* over all His works.

3. MOSES' Amazing Experience Numbers 14:18

'The LORD *is* longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth *generation*.'

4. Levites' Testimony in Nehemiah's Day

Nehemiah 9:17

They refused to obey, And they were not mindful of Your wonders
That You did among them. But they hardened their necks, And in
their rebellion They appointed a leader To return to their bondage.
But You *are* God, ready to pardon, Gracious and merciful, **Slow to anger**,
Abundant in kindness, And did not forsake them.

A. Israel's Sins Are Acknowledged—9:16-17f, 18

B. God's Attributes Are Contrasted—9:17f-l, 19b

C. God's Goodness Demonstrates His Longsuffering—9:25e-f

→ We saw that the Old Testament expression is ^ḥereḵ
appāyim = long of nose = "slow of anger," referring
to God's long-suffering.

→ But what about the New Testament?

→ The New Testament word is **makrothumia**.

→ NOTE: The verb is in 1 Corinthians 13:4—"Love suffers
long" or "is patient."

5. New Testament E_____ for God's Long-suffering.

A. It Is a Part of the R_____ of God's Goodness—Romans 2:4a

→ NOTE God's Riches:

1. Riches of Kindness/Goodness

* Romans 2:4 Or do you despise the riches of His goodness,
forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the
goodness of God leads you to repentance?

2. Riches of Glory

* Romans 9:23 and that He might make known **the riches of His
glory** on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared
beforehand for glory,

3. Riches for the World/Gentiles

* Romans 11:12 Now if their fall *is* **riches for the world**, and their
failure **riches for the Gentiles**, how much more their
fullness!

4. Riches of Wisdom and Knowledge

* Romans 11:33 Oh, the depth of **the riches both of the wisdom
and knowledge of God!** How unsearchable *are* His
judgments and His ways past finding out!

5. Riches of Liberality (Believers)

* 2 Corinthians 8:2 that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of
their joy and their deep poverty abounded in **the riches of
their liberality**.

6. Riches of Grace

* Ephesians 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the
forgiveness of sins, according to **the riches of His grace**

7. Riches of Glory of His Inheritance

* Ephesians 1:18 the eyes of your understanding being
enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His
calling, what are **the riches of the glory of His inheritance**
in the saints,

8. Surpassing Riches of Grace

* Ephesians 2:7 that in the ages to come He might show **the
exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness** toward us
in Christ Jesus.

9. Unsearchable Riches of Christ

* Ephesians 3:8 To me, who am less than the least of all the saints,
this grace was given, that I should preach among the
Gentiles **the unsearchable riches of Christ**,

10. Riches of Glory

* Ephesians 3:16 that He would grant you, according to **the riches
of His glory**, to be strengthened with might through His
Spirit in the inner man,

11. Riches of Him in Glory

* Philippians 4:19 And my God shall supply all your need according
to **His riches in glory by Christ Jesus**.

12. Riches of the Glory of this Mystery

* Colossians 1:27 To them God willed to make known what are
the riches of the glory of this mystery among the