

Improving Our Understandings

GOD'S FORBEARANCE

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Context of Romans 2:1-4

- The **immoral and ungodly person** needs a way to become righteous, ROM 1:18-29
- The **good moral person** needs a way to become righteous, ROM 2:1-16
- The **teacher and defender of OT law** needs a way to become righteous, ROM 2:17-29

What Does Forbearance Do?

- It means to “restrain oneself”
- It means to hold yourself back from some action
- In God’s forbearance, He is holding back from executing His wrath
- DOES GOD REALLY DO THAT?

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