

Grace News Alert *(part 2)*

Ro 2:4

So today I want to look at Ro 2:4 as a key verse in understanding that God's kindness, tolerance and patience leads man to repentance. Repentance is a change of mind about who God is, and what the Gospel offers mankind **BY** God allowing **MAN** to experience the vinegar of life, so **MAN** will move on to the Honey of His Grace.

(God is like Honey) - God is always kind, tolerant and patient with Man

While Man -

- 1. Rejects Him and His offer of Spiritual Life (Ro 1:18-23)**
- 2. Searches to get His needs met in every other thing but Him (Ro 1:24-32)**
- 3. Pursues the Law for Righteousness that is only found in Him (Ro 2:1-29)**

Romans 2:4 (NASB)

⁴ Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

What is the Gospel? (Last Weeks Message)

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (NASB)

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

Christ died for our sins (b) Christ was buried (c) Christ was resurrected

The Gospel is God's offer of Spiritual Life to Man

Romans 1:18-19 (GW)

¹⁸ God's anger is revealed from heaven against every ungodly and immoral thing people do as they try to suppress the truth by their immoral living. ¹⁹ What can be known about God is clear to them because he has made it clear to them.

Notice the verse doesn't say that God is angered with specific people, but angered by the ungodly things (Whatever that is) or actions they take. Things people do, not the people. ***GOD LOVES MAN.***

Romans 1:20 (NASB)

²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, **so that they are without excuse.**

Romans 1:22 (NASB)

²² Professing to be wise, they became fools,

Brothers and Sisters, **(God is like Honey) - God is always kind, tolerant and patient with Man, while Man rejects Him and His offer of Spiritual Life. Rejecting God and His offer is like drinking vinegar. Why drink vinegar, when you can have sweet tasting honey? Searching for Spiritual life in physical things will eventually lead man to the Gospel message. God's Grace leads man to a change of mind of where to get Spiritual Life.**

Romans 1:24a (NASB)

²⁴ Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity

Romans 1:26a (NASB)

²⁶ For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions

Romans 1:28b (NASB)

²⁸ God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper

Brothers and Sisters, (God is like Honey) - God is always kind, tolerant and patient with Man, while Man searches for (Love, Acceptance, Value, Worth & Security) in every other thing but Him. What man is substituting for what only God could provide is like drinking vinegar. Why drink vinegar, when you can have sweet tasting honey? This Searching by man will eventually lead man to the Gospel message. God's Grace leads man to a change of mind of where man's only source of (Love, Acceptance, Value, Worth & Security) is found, in Him.

Romans 2:1 (NASB)

¹ Therefore you have no excuse, everyone of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

Romans 2:19-21 (NASB)

¹⁹ and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, ²⁰ a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of the immature, having in the Law the embodiment of knowledge and of the truth, ²¹ you, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that one shall not steal, do you steal?

Love Them into the Kingdom - Don't Judge Them into the Kingdom

Brothers and Sisters, (God is like Honey) - God is always kind, tolerant and patient with Man, while Man judges' others using the Law. Trying to keep the Law is like drinking vinegar. Why drink vinegar, when you can have sweet tasting honey? Righteousness is only found in Christ by faith. Trying to be Righteous will eventually lead man to the Gospel message. God's Grace leads man to a change from law based judgmentalism, to Spirit led loving compassion.

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Prayer Request –

Brother's and Sister's in Christ, the men and women who are rejecting God and His offer of Spiritual Life and are trying to get their needs met in things other than God. Please pray for them, that they would realize that God has designed life to direct them to Christ, who is the ONLY Answer. Please don't judge them and their behavior, they are lost and need Christ. Show them the AGAPE Love of Christ who resides in you. LOVE them into the Kingdom, don't try to Judge them into the Kingdom.