**God is Patient**

**Review:**

1. When God’s goodness is expressed in the sparing of those who are persistent in sinning, his goodness is called **patience/forbearance/longsuffering**.
2. **Romans 3:21-26** 
   * + - 1. **2 Peter 3:1-13**

**Excursus: Redemptive History and “Common Grace”**

Common grace definition: God’s bestowal of a variety of gifts and blessings on Christians and non-Christians alike, such as health, intelligence, friendship, vocation, family, government, art, science etc. Common grace upholds fallen humanity, but it is not saving.[[1]](#footnote-1)

Common Grace definition: “Every favor of whatever kind or degree, falling short of salvation, which this undeserving and sin-cursed world enjoys at the hand of God.”[[2]](#footnote-2)

1. **Romans 3:9-18**

1. Michael S. Horton, *Pilgrim Theology: Core Doctrines for Christian Disciples* (Zondervan, 2013), 464. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. John Murray, *Collected Writings of John Murray: Lectures in Systematic Theology* (Banner of Truth, 1991), 96. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)