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Everything the Bible says is related to everything else the Bible says. It all fits together in an orderly and systematic way. -Wayne Grudem

Romans 2:1-5 (ESV)

Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things.

We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed.

Matthew 11:29-30 says, “Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Ephesians 4:32 says, “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

1 Peter 2:1-3 says, “So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.”

It’s his kindness, goodness, benevolence, and yoke that leads to repentance not acceptance

Romans 2:6-11 (NLT)

He will judge everyone according to what they have done. He will give eternal life to those who keep on doing good, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers. But he will pour out his anger and wrath on those who live for themselves, who refuse to obey the truth and instead live lives of wickedness. There will be trouble and calamity for everyone who keeps on doing what is evil—for the Jew first and also for the Gentile. But there will be glory and honor and peace from God for all who do good—for the Jew first and also for the Gentile. For God does not show favoritism.

Acts 10:34-35 (NLT)

Then Peter replied, “I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism. In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right.”

Romans 2:13 (ESV)

For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified.

Romans 3:10-18 (ESV)

as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one

(Mark 10:18); no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”

(Psalms 14:2-4) “Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.”

(Psalms 5:9) “The venom of asps is under their lips.”

(Psalms 140:3) “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.”

(Psalms 10:7) “Their feet are swift to shed blood; in their paths are ruin and misery, and the way of peace they have not known.”

(Isaiah 59:7-8) “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

Romans 3:21-24 (MSG)

But in our time something new has been added. What Moses and the prophets witnessed to all those years has happened. The God-setting-things-right that we read about has become Jesus-setting-things-right for us. And not only for us, but for everyone who believes in him. For there is no difference between us and them in this. Since we've compiled this long and sorry record as sinners (both us and them) and proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us, God did it for us. Out of sheer generosity he put us in right standing with himself. A pure gift. He got us out of the mess we're in and restored us to where he always wanted us to be. And he did it by means of Jesus Christ.