**Romans 2:3-4** 

- Jacob Hudgins in an article written in 2018 explores this idea.
- The opening thought is that "God is so dependable that we tend to take Him for granted and His mercy is so reliable that we take it for granted."
- This can manifest itself in a variety of ways.
- Today, we will discuss how we can be guilty of presuming on God.

- Presuming on God means that we may......
- PUT OFF BECOMING A CHRISTIAN BECAUSE WE BELIEVE GOD WILL BE PATIENT UNTIL WE DO.
  - II Peter 3:9
  - Acts 17:30
  - II Cor. 6:2
  - Acts 9:18

- Presuming on God means that we may......
- PUT OFF DEDICATED SERVICE TO GOD UNTIL SOME LATER TIME.
  - Luke 9:57-62
  - Luke 14:16-20
  - Acts 24:25
  - After college, when I get married, when I have kids, or when I retire then I will get to it.

- Presuming on God means that we may......
- MAKE LIFE DECISIONS WITH THE IDEA THAT "I CAN ALWAYS COME BACK TO GOD."
  - So many people live life with a mentality that "it is easier to get forgiveness than permission."
  - God's grace is always there.
  - **Romans 6:1**

- Presuming on God means that we may......
- DEAL WITH OUR SIN IN A PROCEDURAL MANNER- (REPENT, PRAY, AND YOUR SET)
  - No real sense of sadness for sin.
- CONDEMN SIN IN OTHERS WHILE ASSURING OURSELVES THAT OUR SINS ARE LESS TERRIBLE BY A FEW DEGREES.
  - Matt. 7:1-5; Romans 2:1; Luke 18:9-14

#### CONCLUSION:

 "While we all experience the 'forbearance and patience' of God, we respond in different ways. We can presume on it, assuming God will forgive whenever we get around to it. Or we can respond with the fervor of conviction, thanking God desperately for sparing us until the time we could forever turn from our path."