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Times of Ignorance.

- God did not ignore sin, but took initiative to redeem. Romans 5:8
- God dealt with sin in previous ages. Hosea 4:6
- What does it mean, God “*overlooked*” sin?
 - God did not punish man with the full measure of his wrath. cf. Acts 14:16-17
 - God showed forbearance while executing His scheme of Redemption. Romans 3:25-26; cf. Galatians 4:4-5

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Commands Repentance

Acts 17:30-31, “*All men everywhere ...*”
Romans 3:23, “*for all have sinned ...*”
Romans 4:15, “*... where there is no law, neither is there transgression.*”

Therefore, **all** are under law!

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What Produces Repentance?

- Bible preaching. Matthew 12:41; cf. Jonah 3:1-2, 10
 - “*Preach the preaching that I bid thee.*” cf. Luke 11:32
- The goodness of God. Romans 2:4; 2 Corinthians 5:11
- The Judgment to come. Acts 17:30-31; John 12:48; Hebrews 10:31
- Godly sorrow. 2 Corinthians 7:10

In The Beginning ... GOD!

- While the universe and everything in it needed a **beginning**, God does not!
- Asking “**Who created God**” would be as silly as asking “**Who created the Creator?**”
- Only the answer of a **Creator-God** can solve the riddle as to “how” and “why” the universe exists.