

ROMANS 1:16

*“I am not ashamed of the Gospel,
because it is the power of God for
the salvation of everyone who
believes:
first for the Jew, then for the
Gentile.”*



UNASHAMED: A TRIVIAL PURSUIT?

Romans 9:30 – 10:13

ROMANS 9:30-32

For background, see vss. 22-26

Gentiles DID NOT pursue righteousness (right standing before God) but they obtained it

Israel DID pursue it but came up empty

WHAT'S THE DIFF?

Gentiles pursued in faith; Israel pursued by works
Gal. 2:21; Eph. 2:8-9

For the work that God requires,
see John 6:27-29

Unbelief is the damning sin

9:33

Isa. 8:14 to Israel, a stone that causes many to stumble and Isa. 28:16 to those who believe, “a tested stone, a precious Cornerstone for a sure foundation.”

As long as anyone pursues salvation by works,
as Israel did, the grace of Jesus will act like
a stumbling stone – Tony Evans



10:1-3

Israel's zeal is commended, but their lack of truth will be their undoing. They had no heart knowledge of the righteousness from God (Rom. 3:20 - 23)

They rejected the righteousness from God and sought to establish their own.

(Hmmm...Have I come to God on my terms or His?)

“Christ is the end of the Law” The END (Gr.) “The ^{10:4} goal; the fulfillment; the object to which it pointed.”

Christ obeyed its demands perfectly, fulfilling its types and prophecies.

Christ ends the sinner's futile quest

AND

Christ's death ended the era of the Law



VS. 5-8

The pride of an individual believing he can live according to the LAW is stunning. (Gal. 3:10-12; James 2:10) Pride kills. Our inability to keep the Law necessitates hiding in Jesus, the Rock of Ages.

No heroics needed. Jesus came down from heaven. Jesus conquered the grave. He made salvation accessible to us. See Deut. 30:12-14



VSS. 9-10

“Confess with your mouth” Confession here is to say the same thing about Jesus that God says

Matt. 10:32 (Luke 12:8); 1 Cor. 12:3

“Believe in your heart” The human heart is the seat of emotions, affections, intellect and will

MACARTHUR NOTES

“Believe” is far more than mental assent (James 2:19)

“It’s the deep personal conviction, w/o reservation, that Jesus is that person’s own Master or Sovereign.”

It includes repentance, trust and submission.

From Rom. 1:16 “to trust, rely on or have faith in.” In reference to salvation it is typically present tense (“is believing”) and as such, not a one time thing



VSS. 11-13

Note the “Anyone” and “Everyone” and that “there is no difference between Jew and Gentile”

Recall 9:6 “For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel.”

But also recall John 3:16