

**Romans 9:30-10:4**

*30 What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; 31 but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. 32 Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, 33 as it is written, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." 1 Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. 2 For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. 3 For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. 4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.*

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**What Shall We Say Then?**

- Spot the difference... - Jew and Gentile
- Paul's "report card"

	<b>Gentiles</b>	<b>Israel</b>
<b>Effort</b>	(4 - Poor) Did not pursue...	(1 - Excellent) Did pursue...
<b>Achievement</b>	(A+) Attained righteousness	(C-) Did not attain righteousness
<b>Manner</b>	By faith	By works

*A 'performance driven' mindset has no room for grace.  
It will stumble over Christ - 'the stumbling stone.'*

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**Whoever believes in him will not be put to shame**

- Not by works, but by faith
  - Nothing wrong with zeal!
    - o ...but zeal without knowledge?
      - ...amounts to nothing!
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**But *ignorance* amounts to a *refusal to submit* to God's righteousness**

- God's sovereignty and human responsibility
    - o Not a contradiction...
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**For Christ is the 'end' of the law...**

- for righteousness...
    - o to everyone who believes...
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for righteousness  
to everyone who believes."  
(Romans 10:4)*