

SUNDAY - October 4, 2026

UNASHAMED - Romans 3:27-31 - No Boasting

SERMON SUMMARY:

Romans 3:27–31 teaches that justification by faith removes boasting and provides the same salvation for everyone, Jew and Gentile alike. Religious rules can become spiritual scorecards that produce pride, comparison, and judgment. But salvation comes entirely through God's grace in Jesus Christ, so our response should be humility, gratitude, and dependence on Him.

Faith also upholds the law by fulfilling its purpose: bringing people into fellowship with God and shaping how they live together. Through Christ, believers receive changed hearts and the Holy Spirit's power to obey. Grace produces humility, generosity, encouragement, and confidence in belonging to God, freeing us from trying to earn what He freely gives.

SCRIPTURE:

Romans 3:27-31,

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. According to Romans 3:27-28, what principle excludes boasting, and what is the basis for a person's justification?
2. What does verse 30 state about the method of salvation for both the circumcised (Jews) and the uncircumcised (Gentiles)?
3. How does verse 31 respond to the potential accusation that faith nullifies the law?
4. What was the ultimate goal of the law, as described in the sermon, and how does faith accomplish that goal?
5. Why is boasting so destructive to relationships within a church community and to an individual's relationship with God?
6. How does a "list" of rules, even well-intentioned ones, become a substitute for a living faith and lead to an "us vs. them" mentality?
7. In what ways does justification by faith alone destroy spiritual class systems and create a single, unified way for all people to be saved?
8. If the law was meant to shape a people who could live in harmony with God and one another, how does faith in Christ more effectively produce that harmony than external rule-keeping ever could?
9. Where in your life are you most tempted to create a spiritual "list" of dos and don'ts to measure your worth or the worth of others? What is one step you can take to shift your focus from that list to Christ?
10. Think of a recent conflict or moment of tension with another believer. Was pride or a sense of spiritual superiority a factor? How could acknowledging God's grace in your own life change your approach to that relationship?
11. Salvation is identical for everyone through faith. Is there a person or group of people you subconsciously believe have to "clean up" or become more like you culturally before they can be fully accepted in God's family? How can you actively welcome them this week?
12. The law aimed for harmony. What is one practical way you can use your freedom in Christ to promote harmony and encouragement in your small group or family, rather than competition or comparison?
13. Grace turns shame into belonging. What failure or past mistake are you still holding onto that makes you feel unworthy? How does the truth that you are justified by faith alone, and not by your record, change how you view that failure?

14. Faith produces fearless obedience. What is one thing you've felt you "could never" do for God because you're not good enough? How does the truth that your standing with God is secure in Christ free you to step out in faith?