

Shame on You

Romans 9

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What makes us stumble on the truth?

- 1) Some stumble because they trust their **position of privilege** (verses 4-5)
- 2) Some stumble because they depend on their **personal pedigree** (verses 6-9)
- 3) Some stumble because they are confident of their own **performance** (verses 10-13)
- 4) Some stumble because they have problems with God's **providence** (14-18)
 - a) God is not **obligated** to show mercy (Exodus 33:19ff further study)
 - b) God is not **inhibited** in showing wrath (Exodus 9:16 ff further study)
- 5) Some stumble because they are **angered** by God's plans (19-24)
 - a) God needs no **permission** to be God
 - i) *Why have you made me like this? (verse 20)*
 - b) God needs no **instructions** to act justly
 - i) *...endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction (verse 22)*
 - c) God needs no **justification** to show mercy
 - i) *...and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy (verse 23)*
- 6) Some stumble because they pursue salvation in their **own power**. (verses 30-33)
 - a) The idea of a humble servant made **them trip**
 - b) The idea of a horrible cross gave **them offense**

But some believe! *And whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.* "kat-ahēe:skhoo-no"

Three ways to translate...

- Believers will not be **confounded**
 - *Ephesians 5:14-16 ...for the light makes everything visible. This is why it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light.*
¹⁵ So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise.
¹⁶ Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.
- Believers will not be **disgraced**

- *Matthew 7:26-27 But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. ²⁷ When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash."*
- Believers will not be **disappointed**
 - *Romans 10:11 (NASB) For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."*

