

# To Everyone Who Believes - Romans 10:4

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Some years ago, I engaged in a public oral debate on the time of the Second Coming of Christ. At that time, my opponent argued the following:

- The law would end at the end of time (Even now yet future)
- The law would end at the cross (AD 30)
- The law would end in AD 70

It is my guess that to this day, he has no clear consistent position for when the Law of Moses really ended. After all the above, he argued for a future judgment based on Old Testaments texts of Ecclesiastes 11:9-10, 12:13, and Joel 3.

These, he could not fit in AD 30, which he recognized. He dare place them at AD 70, which was my position. So, his only choice was to make them future and give up his previously held premise (prior to the debates) that all was fulfilled at the cross.

I'm sure this had to have been quite an embarrassing presentation for those espousing Amillennialism who held the same views. Even to this day, it is embarrassing to affirm the above three premises as all being true.

## **Paul and the Hope of Resurrection in the Law of Moses**

Paul, speaking several years after the cross, said:

“But this I confess to you , that according to the Way which they call a sect, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the Law and in the prophets. I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust”: (Acts 24:14-15).

One can only reasonably conclude that Paul's hope was that taught in the Law and the Prophets. The quote is from Daniel 12, which speaks of the resurrection of the just and the unjust. Resurrection certainly for Paul was Law based and yet future to his defense before the governor Felix. Not until the law is fulfilled would the hope of resurrection be consummated.

It is for these reasons, we reject the law and the prophets being fulfilled at the cross. In like manner, we reject a yet future fulfillment of the Law of Moses because of Christ's words. One jot or tittle would in no wise pass till all were fulfilled. From today's perspective doctrine wise, resurrection is a pretty huge jot and tittle! Compare also Acts 26:6-8; Romans 15:4; 2 Cor. 3:12 and Rom. 8:24.

**Our Foundational Premise: To Everyone Who Believes**

To assist the reader in understanding the writer’s view on the end of the law, consider a text upon which we would hope there is no disagreement. “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek,” (Rom. 1:16)

Consider the diagram below to help in the presentation of this point we’d like to emphasize by comparing this text with our major premise.

<b>Romans 1:16</b>	<b>Romans 10:4</b>
<b>Medium:</b> The Gospel	<b>Medium:</b> The Christ
<b>Fact Stated:</b> Power to Salvation	<b>Fact Stated:</b> Is the End of the Law
<b>Conditional Statement:</b> To Everyone Who Believes	<b>Conditional Statement:</b> To Everyone Who Believes

From the chart above, it can be seen that each of the texts provide the medium through which the effects or results are accomplished. For the one it is the gospel; for the other it is Christ.

Next, both state a fact of the result received. Again, we have salvation versus the end of the law.

Thirdly, we have a conditional statement in each which is identical: To everyone who believes.

Therefore, from the texts contained the chart above, we have parallel statements. It can be said that the power of God unto salvation is the power of God to end the law to everyone who believes. In fact, that is precisely how believers became free from the obligation to keep the law, while the law and the prophets were yet being fulfilled.

Are not both passages demonstrating that the scope of God’s power/Christ is universal while the results are limited by the condition or response of those who believe? For even further clarification, note the opposite displayed in the following chart.

<b>Romans 1:16</b>	<b>Romans 10:4</b>
<b>Medium:</b> The Gospel	<b>Medium:</b> The Christ
<b>Fact Implied:</b> Is <u>Not</u> the Power to Salvation	<b>Fact Implied:</b> Is <u>Not</u> the End of the Law
<b>Conditional Statement:</b> To those who do <u>Not</u> believe	<b>Conditional Statement:</b> To those who do <u>Not</u> believe

This is what I would call a “*grammatical algebraic expression*,” where everything done on one side of the equation is likewise done on the other. I would recommend that these charts be studied carefully and compared with every text we will present in future writings on this series.

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