

Digging Deeper

4. From verses 1-8 what is Paul's number one priority in what he is trying to communicate about his lost brothers, the Israelites?

5. Based on these verses, why isn't it possible to somehow manufacture our own righteousness that will satisfy the ultimate holiness of God?

6. According to Paul in verses 9-10, what is the only way to be saved? Are there any other ways to be saved? (John 14:6; Acts 4:11-12)

7. How would the attitude of a person coming to God on the basis of his or her performance (V5) be different from that of someone coming to Him by faith in Christ (V8-9)?

8. What does it mean to make a confession about the lordship of Jesus in our lives? How does this tie in with belief?

9. From verse 9 what should a confession about Jesus entail? Why does His lordship need to be expressed verbally?

10. On what basis would we say that Jesus is the Lord over all things? (Matthew 28:18; Acts 10:34-38; Romans 2:36; Romans 10:12; Revelation 17:14)

11. What should it mean for us to say that "Jesus is Lord" in our lives? How should His lordship be made manifest in our lives in real ways?