

Deacon's Beacons

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Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. Romans 10:9-10

Once again, yes, we believe that we are justified by faith alone. Some older Catholics may take issue with that based on what they thought they were taught growing up. But this is clearly the case. The Roman Catholic Church signed a memorandum of understanding with the Lutheran Communion that this is what we collectively believe. Where we may differ is in the application of this. I cannot speak with authority about Reformation Tradition teachings but we, as Catholics, take to heart the words of James in his epistle that faith without works is dead. The works of which we speak grow out of the faith with which we have been gifted. But if there is no action to bear witness to the declaration, just how much truth is contained in the statement "I believe." Unless there is evidence in the conversion of our lives to the commitment that we accept, it is mere folly to proclaim "I believe so I am saved." If you say you believe, you accept the responsibility of living like you believe.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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