

Deacon's Beacons

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For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8–9

This had been a point of contention between Catholic and Protestant denominations for a long time. But that was because of different stresses, not different beliefs. The agreement signed by Catholics and Lutherans in 1999 and endorsed by Methodist and other denominations clearly states that we all acknowledge that we are saved by faith. But if your understanding of salvation stops there, then we need to talk. Because, just as Jesus took up His Cross, each of us is to do the same. That means laying down your life in service to the other. If you do not do that, are you really embracing your faith?

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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