

Deacon's Beacons

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(B)ecause, 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

Here is where our Protestant friends get the sense of not being saved by works. But that was never what the Catholic Church believed. We understand that we are saved through the grace of God by faith and confession. However, we also understand that we must cooperate with that grace. We can lose our salvation by our negative works or the lack of positive works. The bottom line is that words only go so far. You must take action to make your faith alive. Otherwise, as St. James tells us, "Faith without works is dead."

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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