## Deacon's Beacons

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For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." Romans 1:16–17

Much is said about justification by faith. There is no question that we are justified by faith. But the Gospels are clear about needing to repent and convert. Beginning with John the Baptist and continuing with Jesus, the proclamation is clear. Repent and believe in the Gospel. Unless you do that, what use is your faith? St. James is very clear on that. He tells us that faith without works is dead. That is not to say that we are justified by our works but that our works give truth and life to our faith.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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