



Justified by Faith

Paul states:

Once you have faith and are justified by it, then your faith, in turn, must then be justified by works.

Read Ephesians 2:10 Write down the verse.

What do you think Paul means by the above?

Define the following in the context of the above statement made by Paul:

- Faith
- Works

Note:

In the Bible there are two definitions of the word "work". One meaning refers to a work of the Jewish law and the other definition refers to a good deed that can make your faith come alive.



Read the teaching from Pope Benedict XVI from St Peter's Square on November 19, 2008 on:

The Doctrine of Justification: from Works to Faith.

http://www.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/audiences/2008/documents/hf_ben-xvi_aud_20081119.html

There are 6 paragraphs in the text.

Work in pairs to complete the following:

Read the text out aloud to each other to help in your understanding. Discuss each paragraph before completing the table below.

	List new, difficult or unfamiliar words, ideas and symbols	List ideas, symbols or words that are important or interesting
Par.1		
Par. 2		
Par.3		
Par.4		
Par.5		
Par. 6		



From the above:

Main Ideas		Meanings
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From your reading how would you explain the relationship between faith and good works as expressed by St Paul?



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Ephesians 2:10

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Faith and performing good works for your fellow man go together like body and soul. Neither can be separated from the other.

Note: Paul says that you need faith in Christ first, and then good works (not works of the law) to justify that faith.

- Faith - is complete trust in, and obedience to, Jesus Christ.
- Works –Performing good deeds towards fellow man. Examples: feed the hungry, take care of the sick etc.

Matthew 25:36

“I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.”