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## The Roman Catholic Understanding of Justification

- Faith is \_\_\_\_\_ for justification, but not sufficient.
- Through faith, Christ's righteousness is infused in you as you work.
- Justification is through faith \_\_\_\_\_ the works it produces.

## The Reformers' Understanding of Justification

### I. Faith Alone, and Not Faith *Plus* Works.

A. Justification is through faith alone. Faith is \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Through faith, Christ's righteousness is \_\_\_\_\_ to you and you are justified.

**Romans 3:27-28** – We are justified by faith, \_\_\_\_\_ from works of the law.

**Galatians 5:2-5** – We are not justified by \_\_\_\_\_ of the law, but by faith.

**Ephesians 2:8-9** – We are saved through \_\_\_\_\_, not through works.

C. Justification is through faith, not through works.

### II. Faith Alone, but Not *Lone* Faith.

A. Justification is through faith alone, but justifying faith \_\_\_\_\_.  
– *James 2:14-26*

B. Through faith alone you are justified, but once you are justified that same faith begins to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 4:11** – Works are a \_\_\_\_\_ of what faith secures.

**Galatians 5:6** – Faith \_\_\_\_\_ through love.

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## **Romans 3:27-28; 4:11**

<sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

<sup>4:11</sup> He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well.

## **Galatians 5:2-6**

<sup>2</sup> Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. <sup>3</sup> I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. <sup>4</sup> You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. <sup>5</sup> For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. <sup>6</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

## **Ephesian 2:8-10**

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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