

## Deacon's Beacons

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But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:4-7

God saved us because He wanted to and because He could. We are not saved by anything that we do or even can do. We accept Jesus as Savior and Lord and we are saved. Of course, we must choose to follow Him and that means changes in our lifestyles. But the beginning of that journey is faith. And faith has nothing to do with our merit or even our intelligence. Faith is a gift from God through the Holy Spirit freely given. When accepted by us, it grows and fertilizes our spiritual life. God plants the seed, God waters and feeds the seed and it grows. All we are is the soil for the seed. But thanks be to God that we can be fertile soil and blossom with the gift of faith.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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