

To build a foundation for the rest of this study, read and consider Ephesians 2:8-10.

Are we justified only by grace through faith?

How do some church bodies confuse the nature of justification and suggest works play a role?

Why is it confusing and harmful when people suggest that good works play a role in justification?

Lutherans confess that fallen humans suffer from *opinio legis* – the attitude which says even though we are justified by grace, our works contribute something to our salvation.

Key question: Do you believe that Jesus has forgiven you all your sin?

Positive:

1 Timothy 2:5

John 14:6-7

Romans 5:1-2

Negative:

Galatians 5:4

James 2:19

Romans 8:7

Romans 3:11-12

1 Corinthians 2:14

What confidence do we have?

1 Peter 5:6-7

Romans 10:13

Acts 10:43

Romans 4:16

“Inexperienced and irreverent people . . . dream that Christian righteousness is nothing but civil and philosophical righteousness” (Augsburg Confession XX, par. 18).

How then do we live?  
Matthew 16:24

Ephesians 2:10

# ***What Are Good Works (For)?***

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