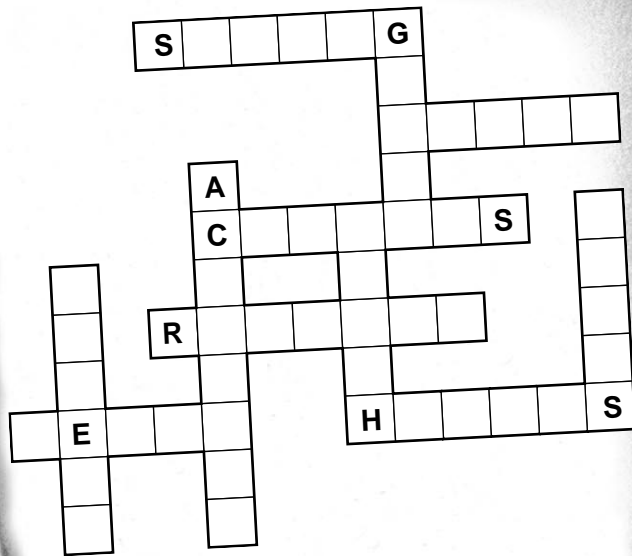


# Joint Declaration of Faith

The Catholic Church is always reforming and renewing itself. In 1999, Catholic and Lutheran Churches came to an agreement about justification by faith. The two faith bodies now share the same basic understanding.



Use the words in boldface to complete the crossword.

“Together we confess: by **grace alone**,  
in **faith** in Christ’s **saving** work, and  
not because of any **merit** on our part,  
we are **accepted** by God and receive  
the **Holy Spirit**, who **renews** our hearts  
while **equipping** and calling us to  
**good works.**”

Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification,  
October 31, 1999