

# 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Ordinary Time of the Year

(Deuteronomy 11.18,26-28,32, Romans 3.21-25,28, Matthew 7.21-27)

THEME: Let Your Faith In Christ Come Out In Your Daily Actions.

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ: The readings of this Sunday are inviting us to put into action the message of the gospel we hear all the time. In other words, God wants us to understand that, reading the Bible or hearing the word of God and coming to church without practicing what God is telling us through the bible and other means of hearing the word, will never lead us to the kingdom of God. We need to match our faith in God with our actions or good works.

Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven." (Matt. 7:21)

As children of God, let our good works or deeds speak for us about our faith. The purpose of the word of God we hear or read from the bible is to modify our lives according to the gospel message. We are called Christians or Christ-like, because as baptized children of God we are expected to live, behave, speak and relate to others and to God the way Christ did. We are expected to live and act like Christ, and that is the way to the kingdom of God.

The will of God is that we should love our God and translate that love into action by the way we relate to others. Simply put, we need to love others the way God loves us, by being compassionate, merciful, forgiving, sympathetic, make sacrifices for others, seeking for peace, giving alms or helping others out in their difficulties, that is identifying with others in their moments of joy and sorrows: These actions, with our Faith is what will take us to the kingdom of God.