

	<b>Scriptural</b>	<b>Roman</b>
<b>Original Sin</b>	<p>--All men are conceived and born in sin.  <b>the inner uncleanness of the nature of men.</b>            -full of concupiscence (evil desires and inclination)            Incapable of fear and trust in God.            - by our own strength we cannot free ourselves from this slavery.</p>	<p>-Servitude, Blemish, load, burden (of the body)            -but still with unimpaired strength for loving God and fulfilling the commandments            -Not a depravity/corruption nor an innate evil nature            -Nothing is sin unless it be voluntary (inner desires and thoughts are not sins.)</p>
<b>Grace</b>	<p><b>Mercy</b>            A quality in God which excludes our merit.            God's grace -His love and compassion for man which caused Him to save us by the merit of His Son.            Rom. 11, 6: <i>If it be of works, then is it no more grace.</i></p>	<p><b>Initial Grace</b>            A gift God places in man by which it enables us more easily to love God and do good works and thus obtain forgiveness  <b>More Infused Grace</b>            Through the Word and Sacraments which moves the person to do more works</p>
<b>Gospel (Promise)</b>	<p>-the promise of the remission of sins, justification, and life eternal.            -The offer of forgiveness of sins for Christ's sake (received by faith)            -Through faith in Christ, apart from your own merits, God promises the forgiveness of sins earned by Christ</p>	<p>-through the assistance of divine grace, man can merit forgiveness of sins            --through God's grace, men's works are worthy of eternal life.            -Through Christ you have grace, salvation etc., if you merit it</p>
<b>Merits</b>	<p><b>Christ's Merits.</b>--Christ made satisfaction for the sins of the world            -Christ has been appointed as the only Mediator and Propitiator.            -Christ lived a Righteous life before the heavenly Father  <b>My Merits.</b>--none</p>	<p><b>Christ's Merits.</b>--Christ's merited a disposition placed in us.            -By virtue of Christ's merit, our works are worthy  <b>My Merits.-- Congruity/Condignity --</b>            Our works bring no profit to God, (but they earn us heaven)            ---No one is to be puffed up by his works            --When contrasted with the divine reward, our works are of no account and nothing            -Faith and good works are gifts of God, so that through mercy eternal life is given.none</p>
<b>Faith</b>	<p>-the means or instrument by and through which God's grace and <b>the merit of Christ in the promise of the Gospel are received,</b> apprehended, accepted, applied to us, and appropriated;</p>	<p><b>History</b>            -Faith can exist with mortal sin            -Faith(History) alone does not save, but grace and love save.            -Faith working through love saves.            -In Baptism God infuses faith, hope and love to earn forgiveness</p>