

Term	Definition	Why its needed
Salvation	the process of being saved	We are destined to hell b/c of sin
Justification	The process of being set right with God	We are unrighteous/ we have offended God, we must be set right with God
Sanctification	The process of being made holy	We are unholy/unclean because of sin, God is perfectly holy
Redemption	The process of being redeemed/ ransomed from sin. Christ pays the ransom/ price for our sins	The price/ debt of sin is too great for us
Paschal Mystery	The suffering, death, resurrection, & ascension of Jesus. This act alone earns our salvation- Jesus does the	Our work alone is insufficient. Jesus who is God/ Man alone can satisfy for sin/ conquer its effects
Grace	Free and undeserved help that gives us a sharing in God's life	Salvation is a gift from God, can't be earned.

In Brief

Sin (both original and our own) places an immeasurable debt between us and God that we as humans cannot pay. We must be justified (made right) and sanctified (made holy) in order to be with God in heaven, but we cannot do this on our own. The Old Testament teaches us that God's people are incapable of perfectly fulfilling the Old Law and becoming righteous on their own. Out of His great love and mercy God sends Jesus to save us. Through the Paschal Mystery, Christ pays our debt and merits (earns) for us the grace necessary for salvation. This grace is applied to us through the sacraments: they are the instruments of our salvation. This is why the sacraments are necessary for us to get to heaven. Jesus established the Church to dispense the sacraments to every generation. We are not only pardoned for our sins, but we are actually made holy through the sacraments. While Christ alone gains the grace of our salvation, we must cooperate with that grace and participate in our salvation by striving to be holy. This gives glory to God and therefore fulfills the goal of our existence.