## A Summary

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| **Original sin** was **vicariously** forgiven through Christ's death.  
1. Jesus freely went to the Cross,  
2. Volunteering Himself because He was sinless.  
3. Faith is faithfulness. (Passive faith)  
4. Justification by a faith that produces good works | **All sin is a breaking of the Covenantal Law of God both**  
1. Civil – Jesus paid our debt and satisfied Divine Law.  
2. Criminal – Jesus was punished in our place - Substitutionary  
3. Faith is fiduciary- a legal process. (Active faith)  
4. Justified by faith alone |
| **We are** **made** righteous by **sanctifying grace**  
1. Sanctification is the process of purifying or purging us of temporal sins confessed.  
2. It is an active faith producing obedience/works unto righteousness.  
3. Redemption was provided through Christ's Resurrection and victory over Satan. | **We are** **declared** righteous by **saving grace**  
1. Sanctification is a second process after salvation  
2. God now sanctifies whom He justified.  
3. Redemption was provided through Christ's death |
| **Penance** is the sacrament of confession/repentance/absolution of temporal (our) sins that have damaged our relationship with God. It is the desire to reconcile with God | **Repentance** is, for protestants, is more than confession but a commitment to turn around and cease sinning. |
| **Indulgence** is  
• The remission of temporal punishment for sins already forgiven.  
• Indulgences supports living holy, through prayer, Scriptural reading, attending the Mass, among others. | **Indulgence** is not part of Protestant teaching:  
• Christ died for all sin  
• True repentance includes commitment to faithfulness. |

Reason alone is not sufficient to understand all that was provided through Jesus' death and resurrection. Faith is personable; Knowledge is experience; heart and mind are inseparable. We must go on faith:

1) **God** by his grace is the **only Savior** of sinners, that 2) **self-salvation is impossible**, and that 3) **the death of Jesus Christ as a propitiatory sacrifice** is the ultimate ground of justification.