

## **Terminology in Witnessing to Roman Catholics**

<b>Scripture Term</b>	<b>Biblical Meaning</b>	<b>Roman Catholic Meaning</b>
<b>Born again</b>	Spiritual life eternal (Jn.17:3)	Baptism, confirmation, public profession, answered prayer
<b>Receive Christ</b>	Once at salvation (Jn.1:12)	Taking the bread often at Mass, receiving grace in sacraments
<b>Saved by grace</b>	Undeserved favor (Eph.2:8)	Works that earn God's grace
<b>Eternal security</b>	No doubt about Heaven (1 John 5:13)	Hoping to earn enough grace to merit Heaven one day
<b>Repentance</b>	Change of heart to believe in Christ as Saviour (Acts 3:19)	Making retribution for your sin by penances
<b>Forgiveness of Sin</b>	Happens at salvation (Acts 10:43)	Granted by Priests, after confession and finally Purgatory
<b>Faith</b>	Believe through Scripture (Rom.10:17)	Believe what the Roman Catholic Church tells you to be true
<b>Baptized</b>	Testimony after salvation (Rom.6:1 and Matt. 28:18-20)	First step to Heaven, where original sin is forgiven and you become a Christian
<b>Communion</b>	Fellowship or service of the Lord's table (1 Cor. 11:24)	Jesus in the form of bread eaten in order to get grace for your salvation. (John 6:53)
<b>God's Word</b>	Bible inspired by God (II Tim. 3:16)	Written Scripture, stories of the Apostles' teaching, the Popes' teaching, interpretation of the Church, and traditions
<b>Lost</b>	Sinner without Christ (Jn.3:18)	Never as a Catholic once baptized you are declared a Christian and are lost only if you reject the Catholic Church
<b>Saved</b>	Converted to Christ (Acts 4:12)	Only as a Catholic only the Catholic Church has all the ways necessary to be saved
<b>Mediator</b>	Jesus Christ (1 Tim. 2:5, Deut.4:19 and Rev.4:10)	Getting to Jesus through Mary, heavenly hosts (saints), angels.
<b>Confession of Sin</b>	To Christ alone (1 Jn.1:9)	Telling sins to a priest who forgives sin in the name of Christ.

Most Catholics think that they are going to be saved because they are Catholic. Each person may have a different reason like, baptism, works, worship of Mary, etc.. It is helpful to ask them what they believe will get them to heaven, then deal with that area and make a good presentation of the Gospel. Don't argue the terms; show them how they are used in the Scripture, and let the Word do all the convincing.

*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Rom. 10:17)*