

## History of the church in Rome:

- Church was started in Acts
  - Acts 2:10 “Phryg'ia and Pamphyl'ia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyre'ne, and visitors from Rome, both **Jews and proselytes,**”
  - Acts 2:41 “So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.”
- These new believers went back to Rome; so the church as Jewish with few Gentiles
- In 49 AD things changed
  - Acts 18:2 “And he found a Jew named Aq'uila, a native of Pontus, lately come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them;”
  - Reason was:
    1. According to the Roman historian Suetonius (c. AD 69 – c. AD 122)
    2. "Since the Jews constantly made disturbances at the instigation of Chrestus, he expelled them from Rome."
- Church is now only Gentiles for 5 years
- In 54 AD Nero became Caesar and invited all the Jews back
- Church now Gentiles and Jews
  - Did the Jews look up the Gentile churches and ask if they could join?
  - No, they would not mix and it looks like there was a deep separation between the two races and cultures.
    1. Jews said: “Gentiles lives in sin and do not follow the law”
    2. Gentiles said: “Jews were cut off from the people of God and had no longer any part of it”

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# Romans

“With one voice Glorify God”

Key Verse: 15:5, 6

The Problem of Sin			Solution to the Sin Problem							Response to God’s Mercy														
			Justification by Faith		Dead to, Alive to			All in need Of God’s Mercy																
1:1	Gentiles are sinners		4:1	Abraham – Father of both	6:1	Gentiles dead to sin	7:1	Jews dead to the Law	8:1	Both alive to the Spirit	9:1	Both Chosen as Vessels of Mercy	10:1	No distinction	11:1	Both disobedient	12:1	Living Sacrifice	13:1	To whom is due	14:1	No more pass Judgement	15:14	Mystery now disclosed
Gentiles	Jews	All	Jew’s Pride		Gentiles	Jews	All	Gentile’s Pride							Offering from Gentiles to Jews									
Both Equal in Sin			Both saved in the same way		Both must die to something in order to live in the Spirit			Both disobedient and both recipients of God’s Mercy			Don’t argue over food, drink, taxes on your Sabbath													
Paul’s Theological Argument for Equality (Between Jew and Gentile Christians)																			Because equal then live in Harmony, God has shown mercy so be merciful					