

1. According to the lesson, what does "the greater purpose of reconciliation" mean?

A: "The greater purpose of reconciliation" refers to the fact that Paul wrote his epistle to the Romans as a means by which to immediately address the issues in Rome between the Jewish and Gentile Christians. Therefore, each of the various topics in Paul's epistle fit within the "greater purpose" of reconciling Jewish and Gentile Christians together.

2. Explain what is meant by "equal basis" theology.

A: "Equal basis" theology states that we all come to Christ the same way-by faith, whether we be Jew or Gentile. Hence, Paul uses this idea when he speaks of essentially leveling the playing field between the Jew and Gentile Christians in Rome.

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