SUNGAI WAY-SUBANG METHODIST CHURCH

# SUNDAY SERMON

All Alike Romans 3

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# How Are We Different?

- Uniqueness
- Individuality
- Outstanding qualities

### **Differences Matter**

- Function
- Accommodations
- Community



## Paul's Claim (Romans 3)

We are ALL alike



# Background

## Intra-church tensions

## Claudius' edict (Acts 18:1-2

10 years later...



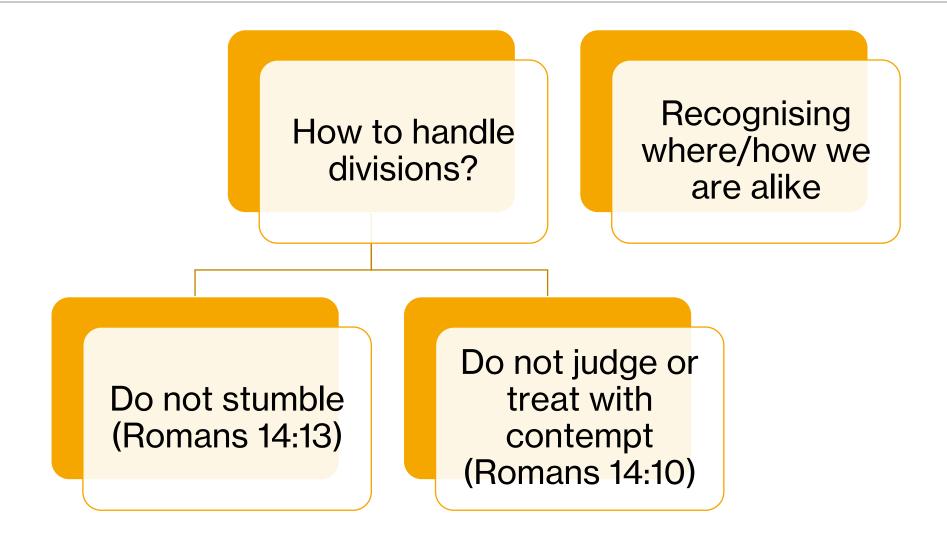




#### **Jewish Christians**

#### Gentile Christians

### **Unity in the Faith**



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## It is Written

... we have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under the power of sin. As it is written:

"There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God.

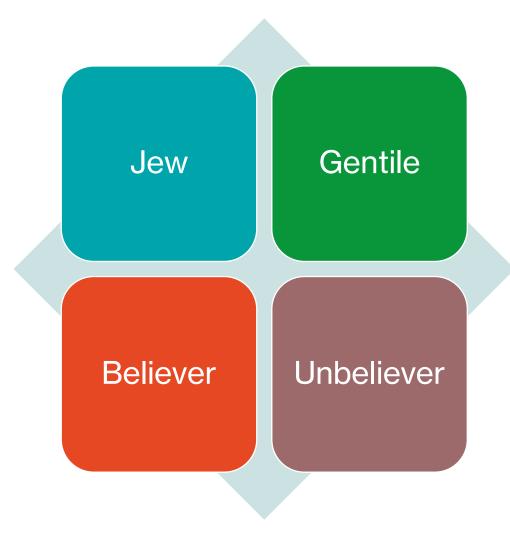
All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."

"Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit."

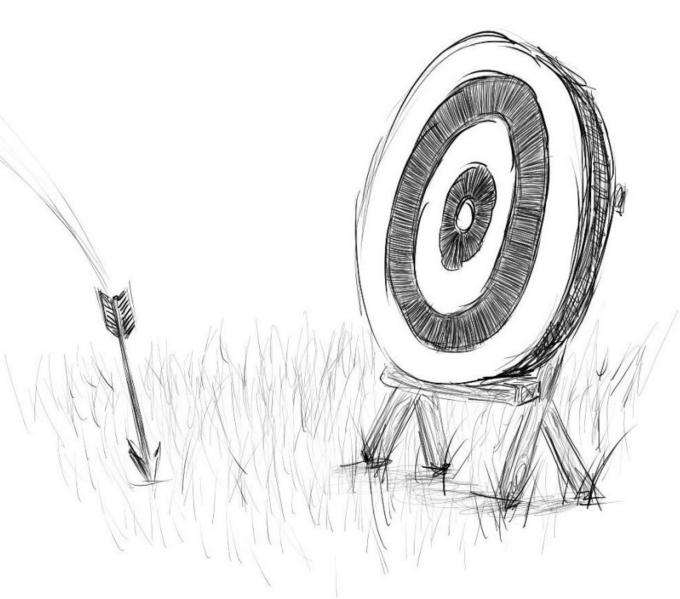
"The poison of vipers is on their lips." "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness."

"Their feet are swift to shed blood; ruin and misery mark their ways, and the way of peace they do not know." "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.



## **Alike in Unrighteousness**



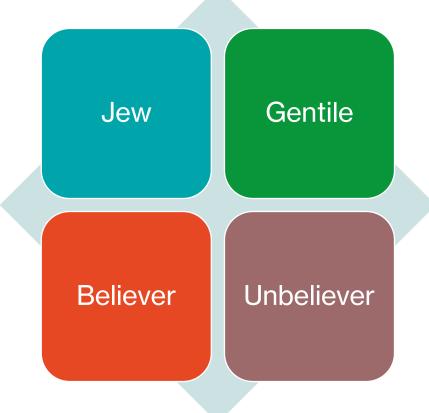
#### Romans 3:22b-23

There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God ...





#### Alike in Unrighteousness





#### Romans 13:21-25a

But **now** apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This **righteousness is given** through **faith** in **Jesus Christ to all who believe**. There is **no difference** between Jew and Gentile, for **all have sinned** and **fall short** of the **glory of God**,

#### Romans 13:21-25a

and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood – to be received by faith.

#### **Three Terms from Romans 13:21-25a**

#### Justification

#### Redemption

#### Propitiation





## Justification

## Redemption

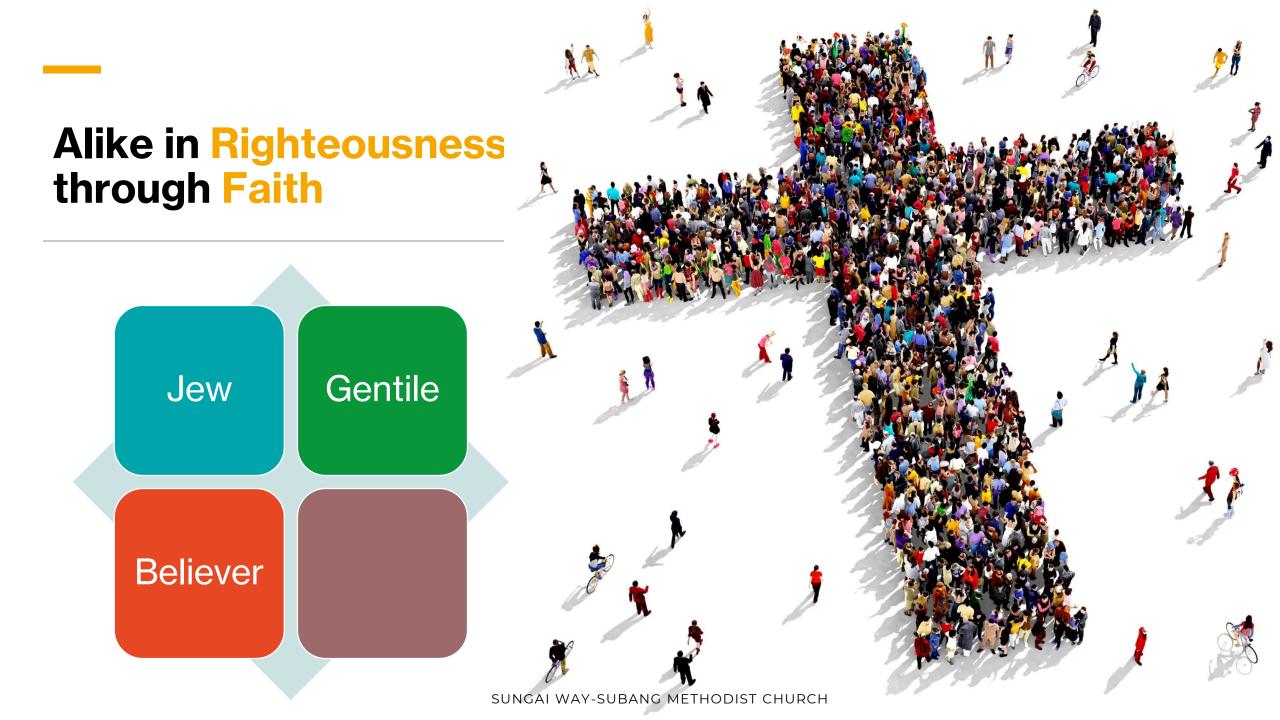
## Propitiation

Sacrifice of atonement









# What does this mean?

#### We are all Alike in Unrighteousness



## We are all Alike in Righteousness through Faith





## **All Alike**

Romans 3

