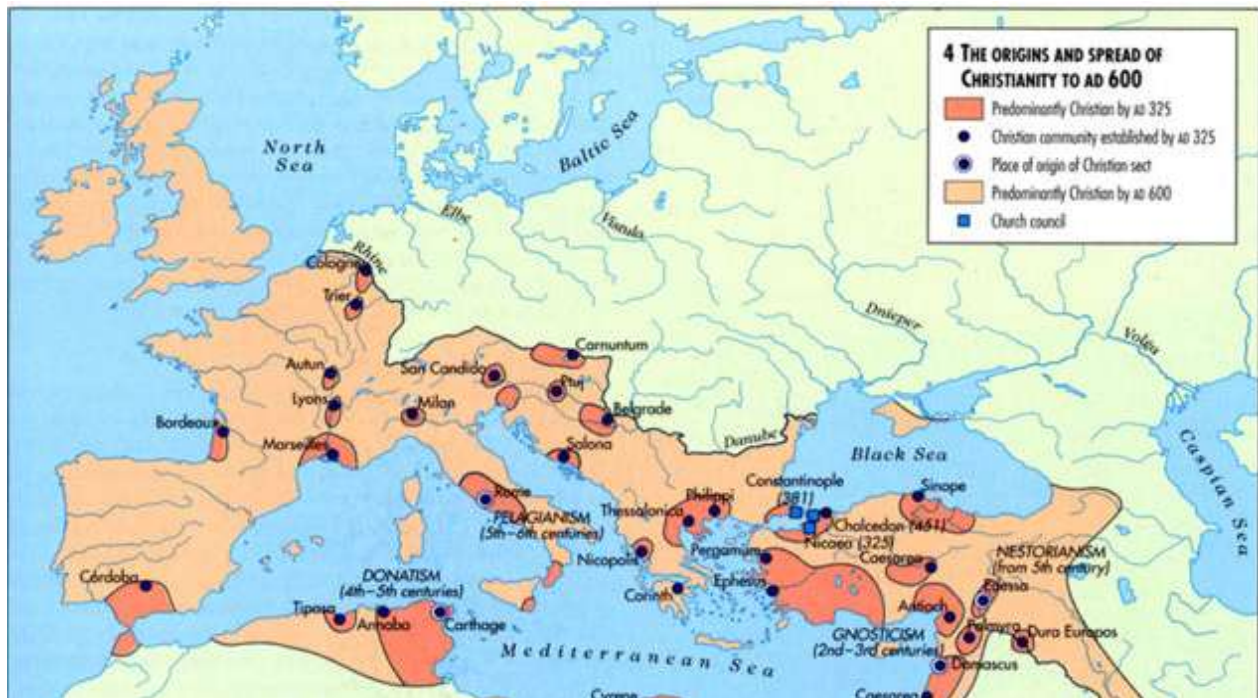
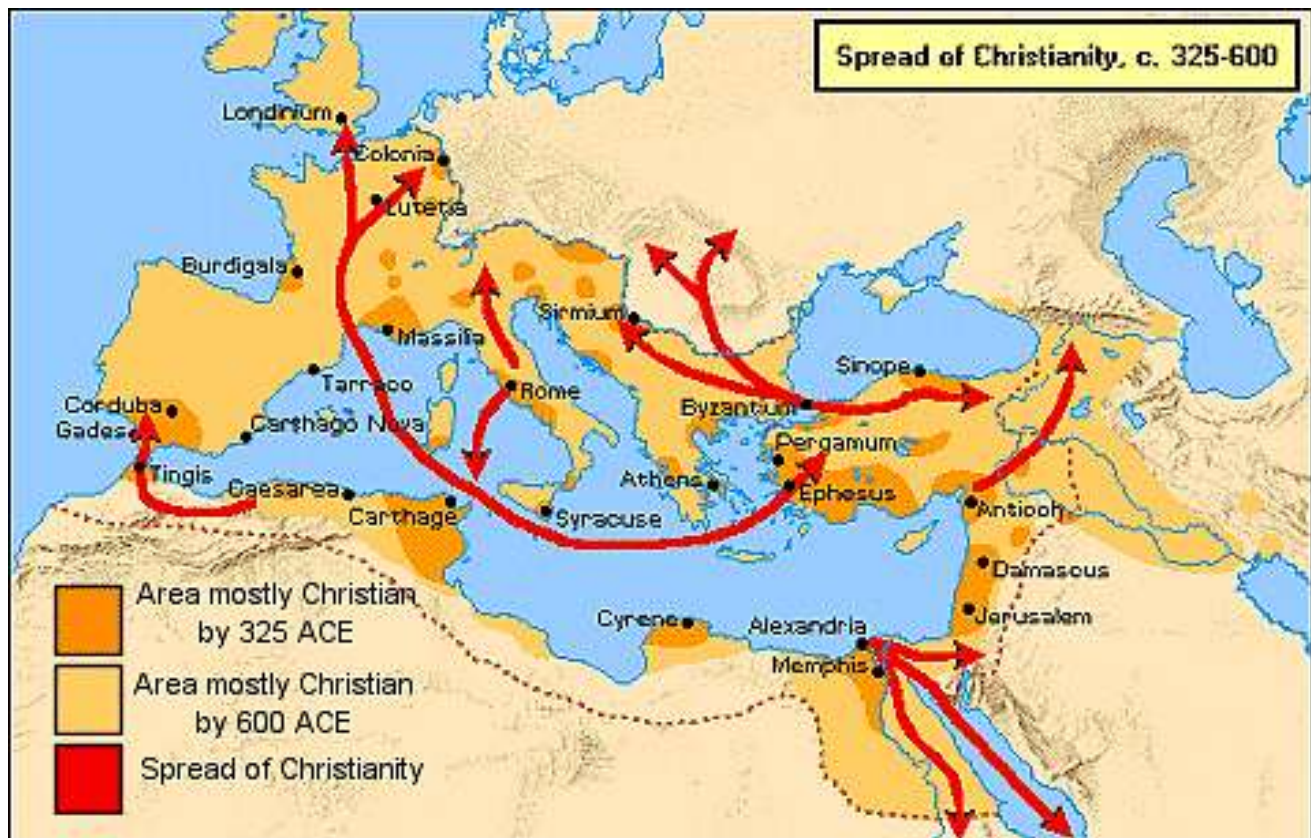
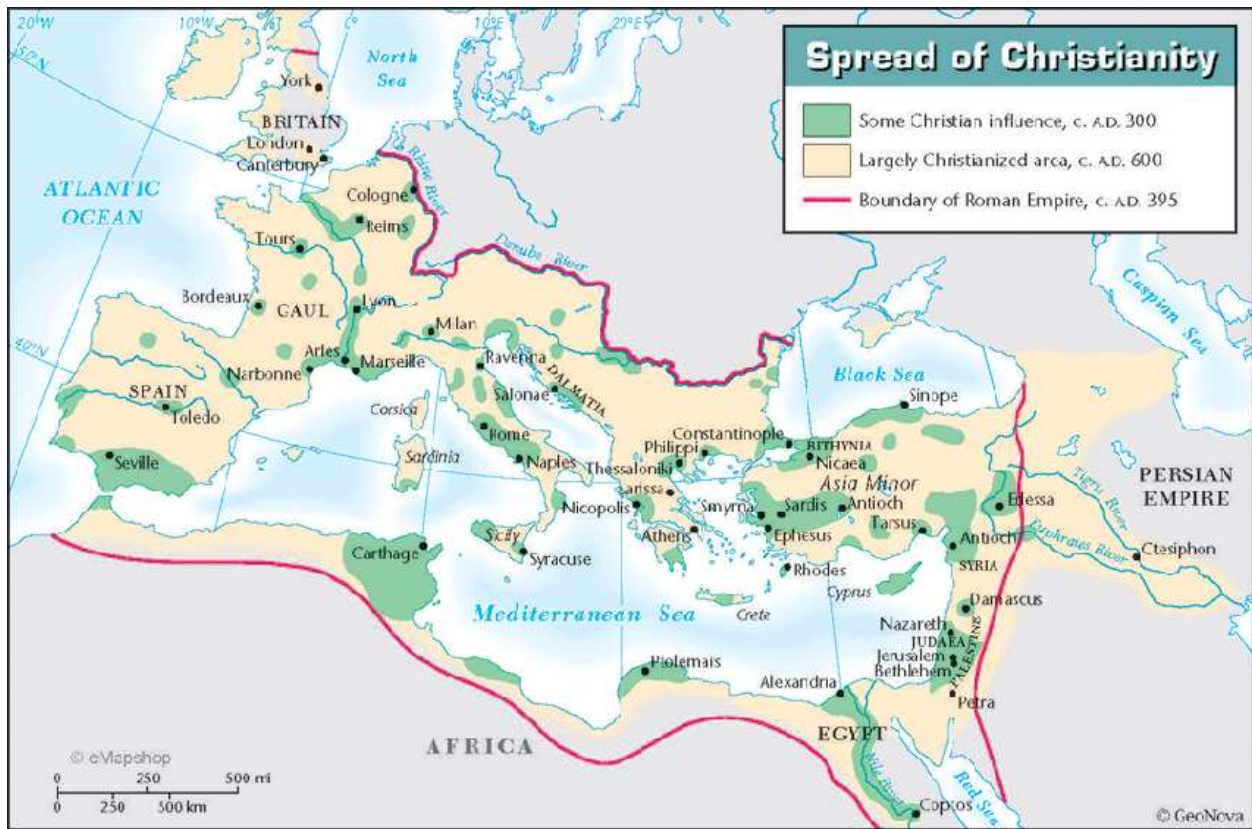


## World History 9 Honors Religion in Rome

**Objective:** Examine and understand the changing nature of religion in the Roman world, and the importance of the Roman political system on the future of the Christian Church.

1. Examine the nature of religion of the Roman Republic and early Empire. What specifically was the role of: the Emperor, the Family, and Women. Additionally, how were other religions and specifically Jews within the Empire treated? **Visit the following to provide insights:**  
<http://www.pbs.org/empires/romans/empire/religion.html>
2. What are some of the fundamental principles of Christianity? What was its initial relationship with Judaism? Who was Paul of Tarsus and what role did he play in the beginnings of the Christian Church? **Do some general searching on your own. Be sure that your site is reliable and provide source information with your answer.**
3. Examine the maps provided below. How did Rome's relationship with monotheism change overtime? Look closely at the points of origin, timing and boundaries of the Christian faith.







### **Conclusions: Making sense of the change**

What factors do you believe may have contributed to the changing nature and relationship of Rome and religious beliefs? Test the following hypotheses...

- Christianity was a belief that was appealing to the Roman masses and so overtime the people and their ruler converted.
- Christianity offered the emperors of the late Roman Empire the opportunity to further centralize their rule and unite their people.
- The disunity and personal nature of Rome's religion was no match for Christianity's strong missionary thrust. (Proselytize)

### **Looking ahead: Long-term impact**

Examine the two maps and graph below. How do these images indicate the long term impact of Rome's conversion?





**Major branches within Christianity**

