**The Conversion of the Early Church**

Using the scripture passages below, develop an overview of the early Church with regard to its self-understanding, writing a brief response to the questions provided.

Read the following scripture passages:

* + - Acts 20. 17-38
    - Galatians 3.15-29; 5.13-15; 5.16-26; 6.1-10
    - 2 Corinthians 5.16-21
    - Ephesians 4.22-32

1. According to the scripture passages that you read, what does it mean to say that the Church was a graced community?
2. What is the meaning and purpose of conversion in St. Paul’s life, and in the life of the Church?
3. How did the early church understand the “Law” in relationship to the new covenant, as presented in the letters of Paul?
4. What was the key law for the new Church?
5. Describe the structure of the early Church. Who is the Church?
6. According to St. Paul (Romans and Galatians), what does it mean to accept the grace of conversion in order to live according to “the Way”?