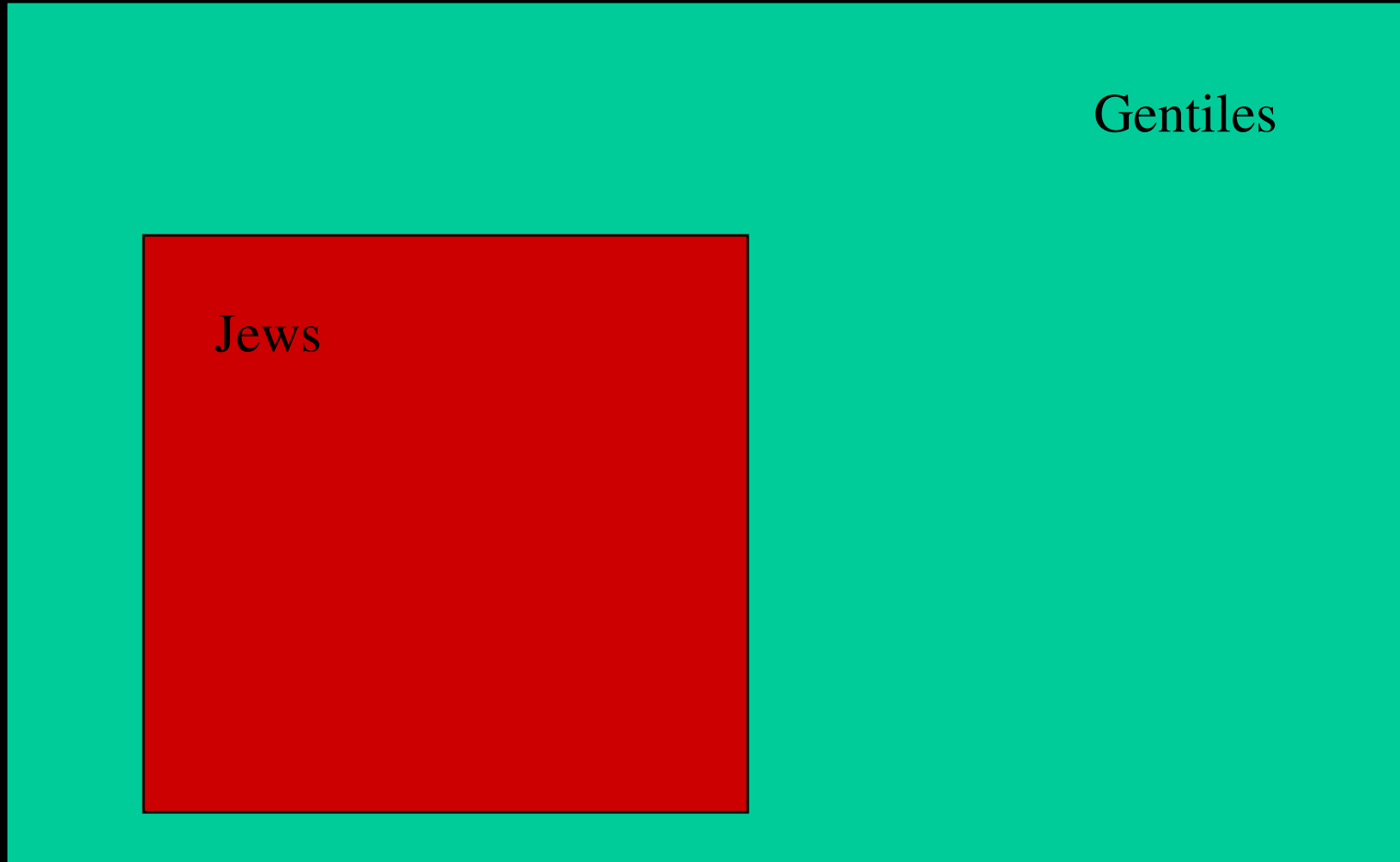
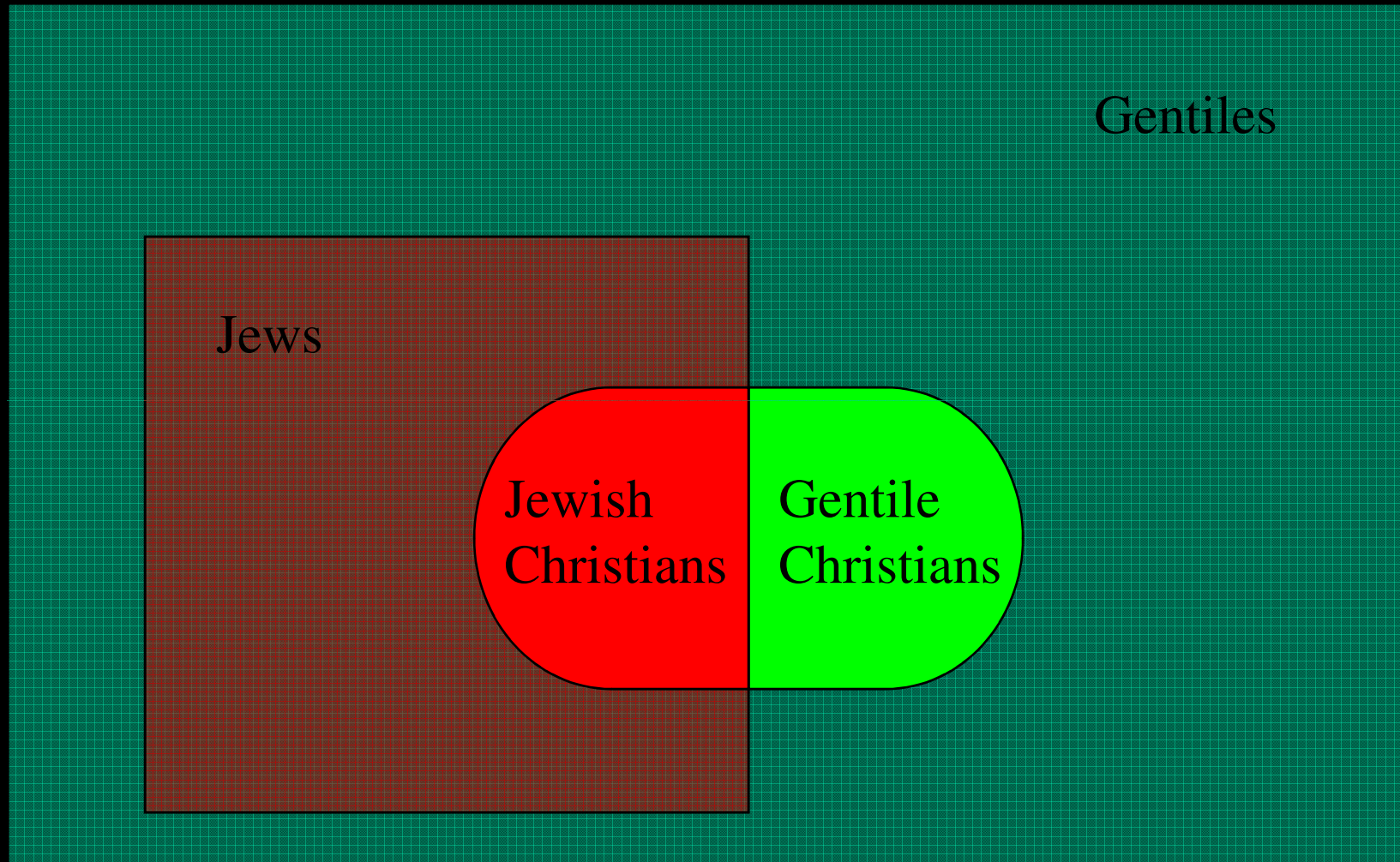


Paul's Letters
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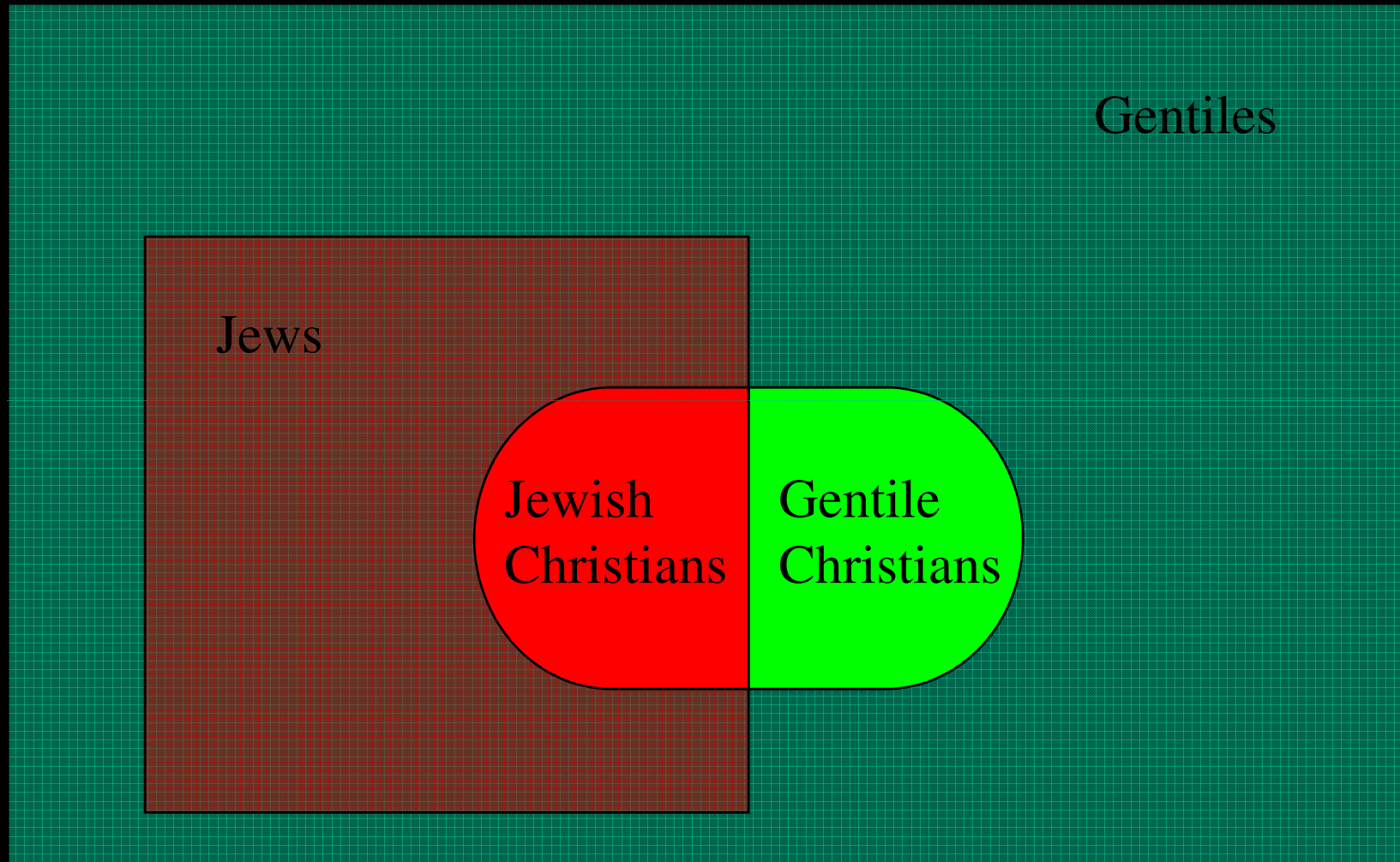
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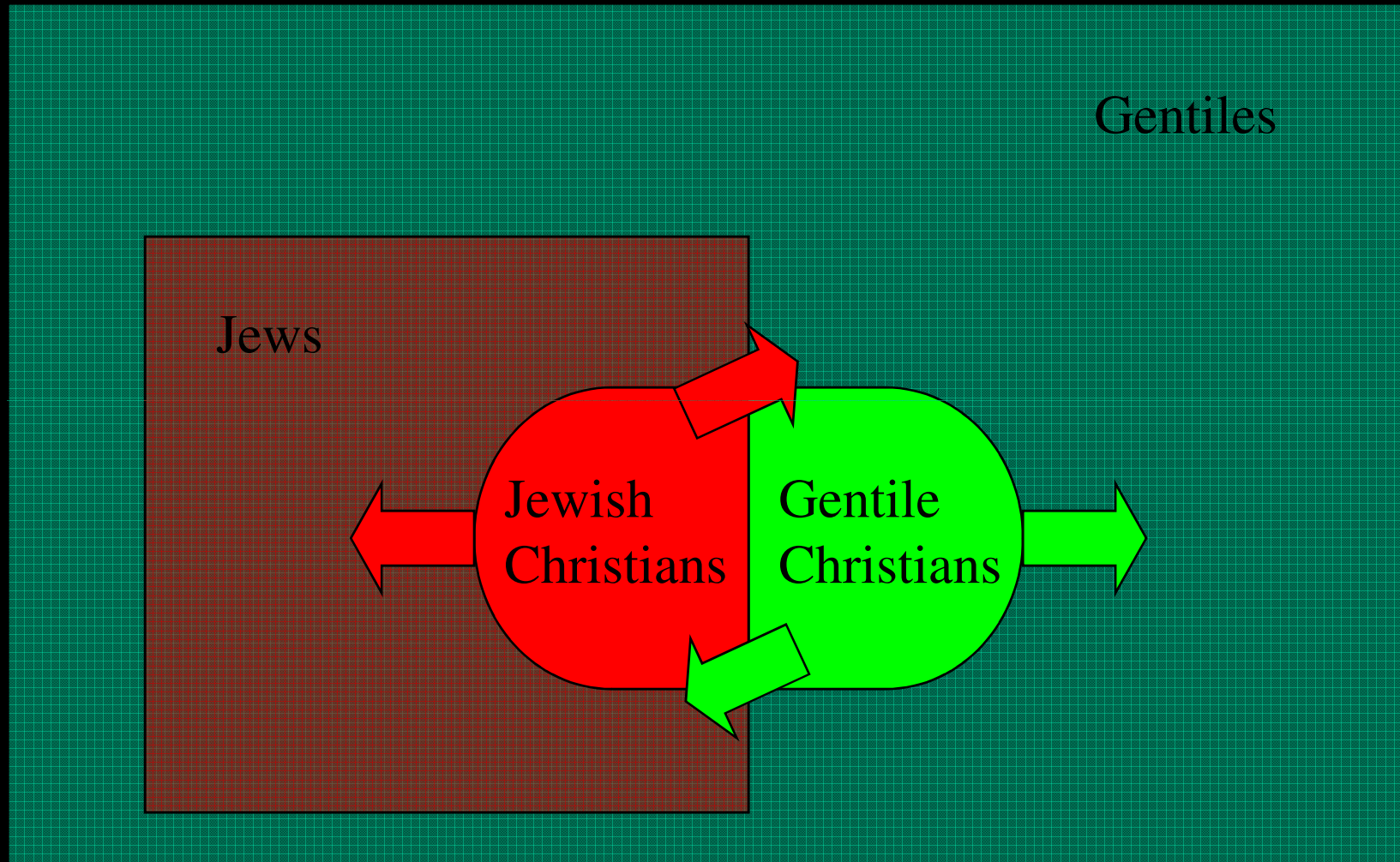


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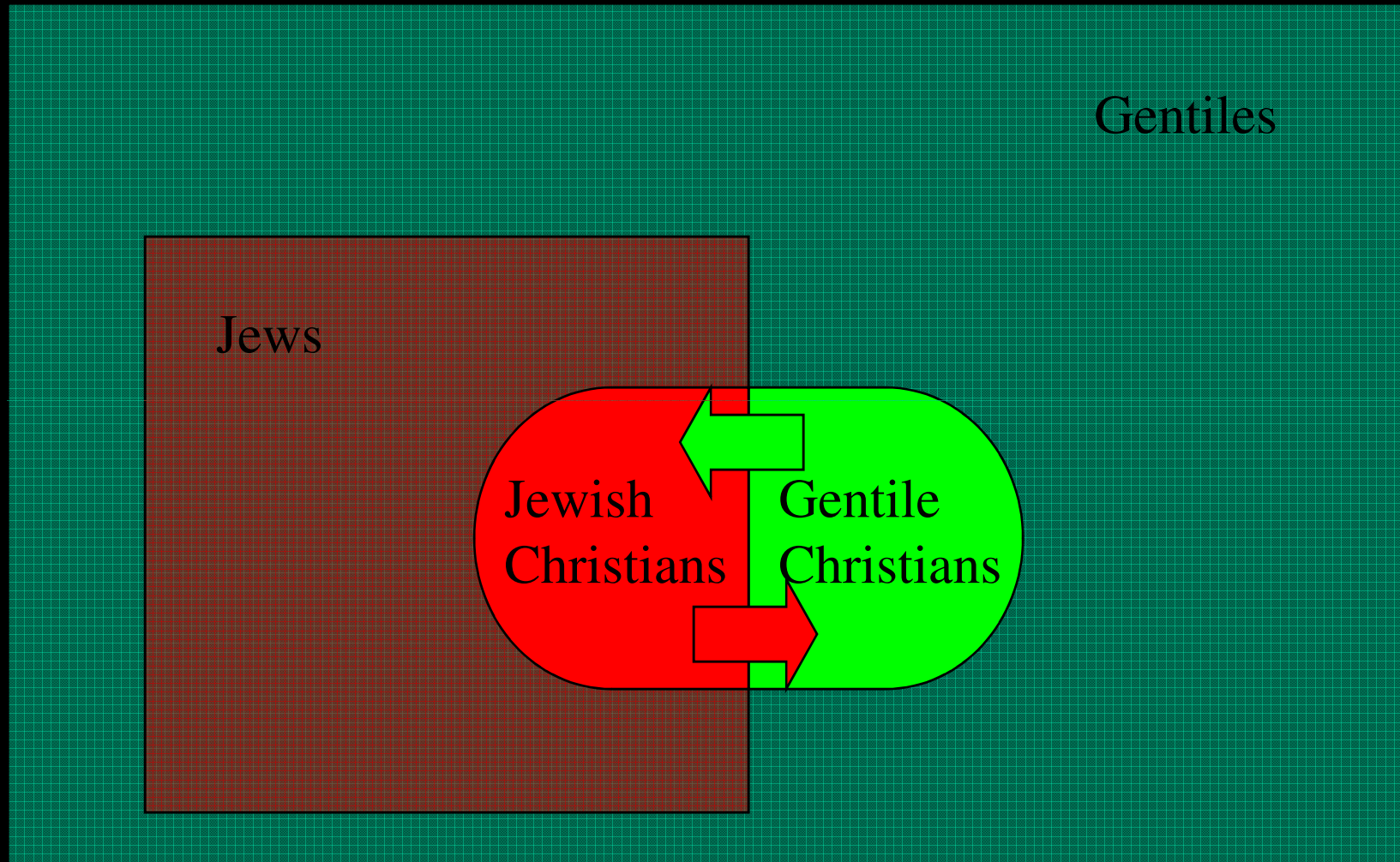
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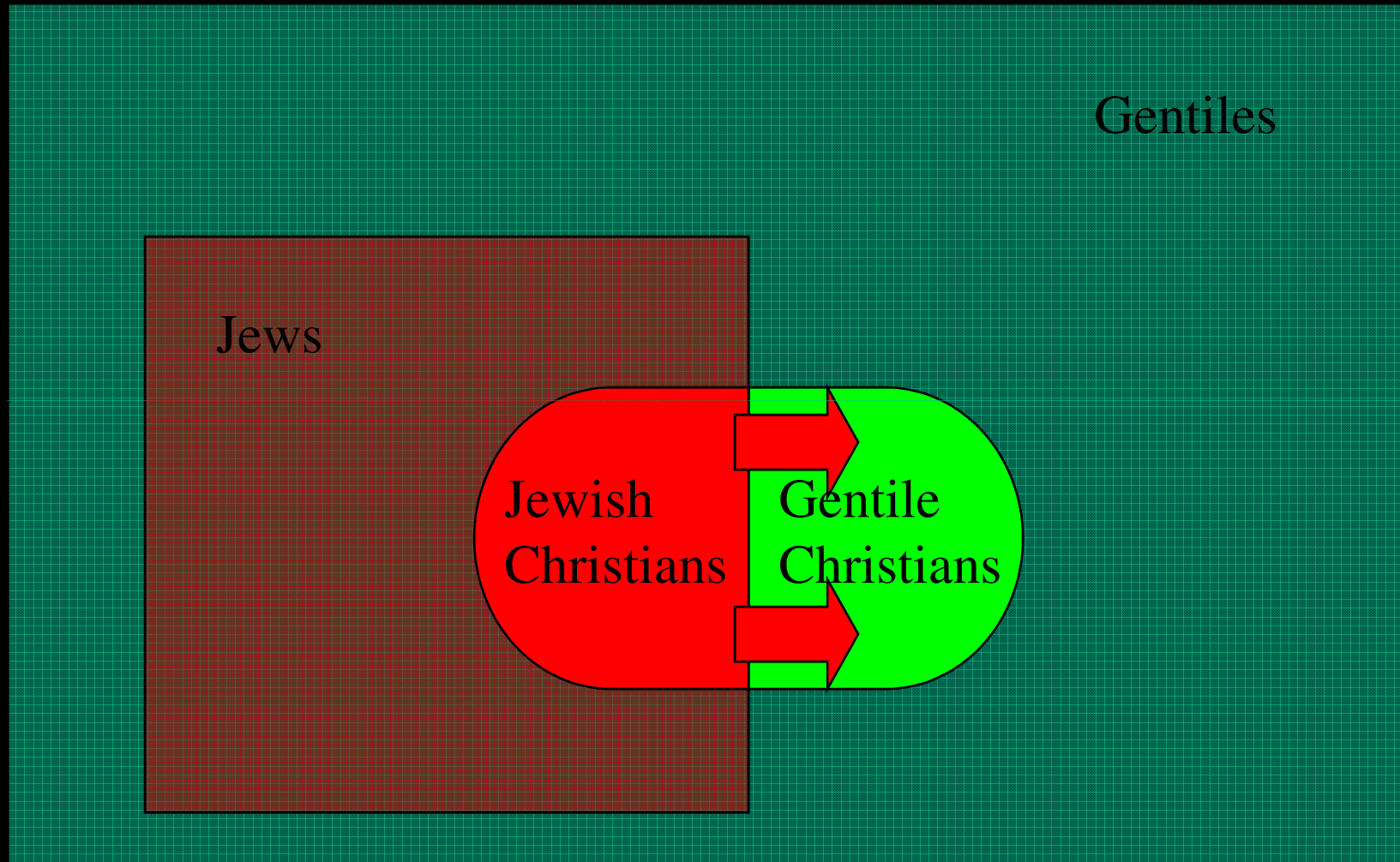
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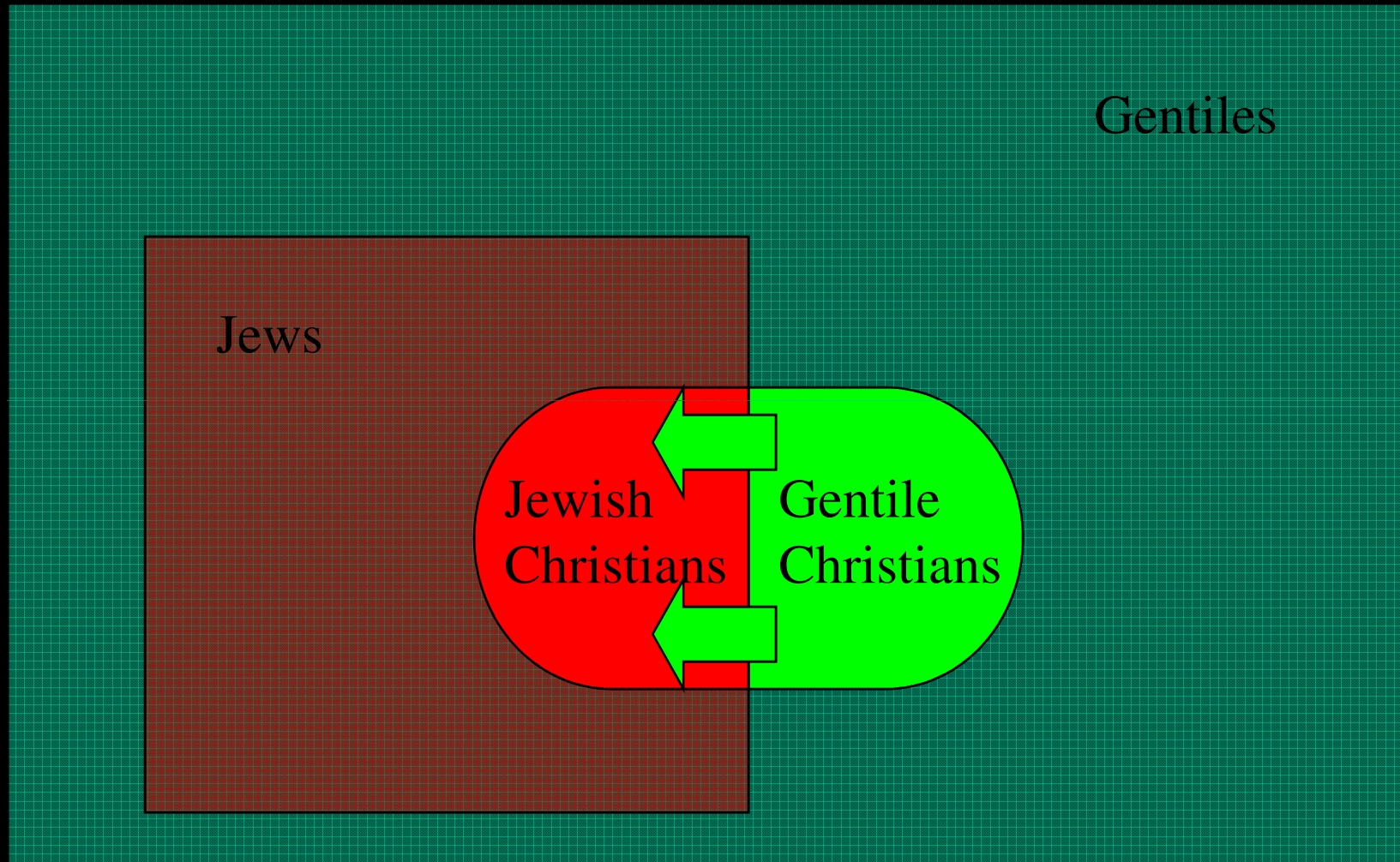
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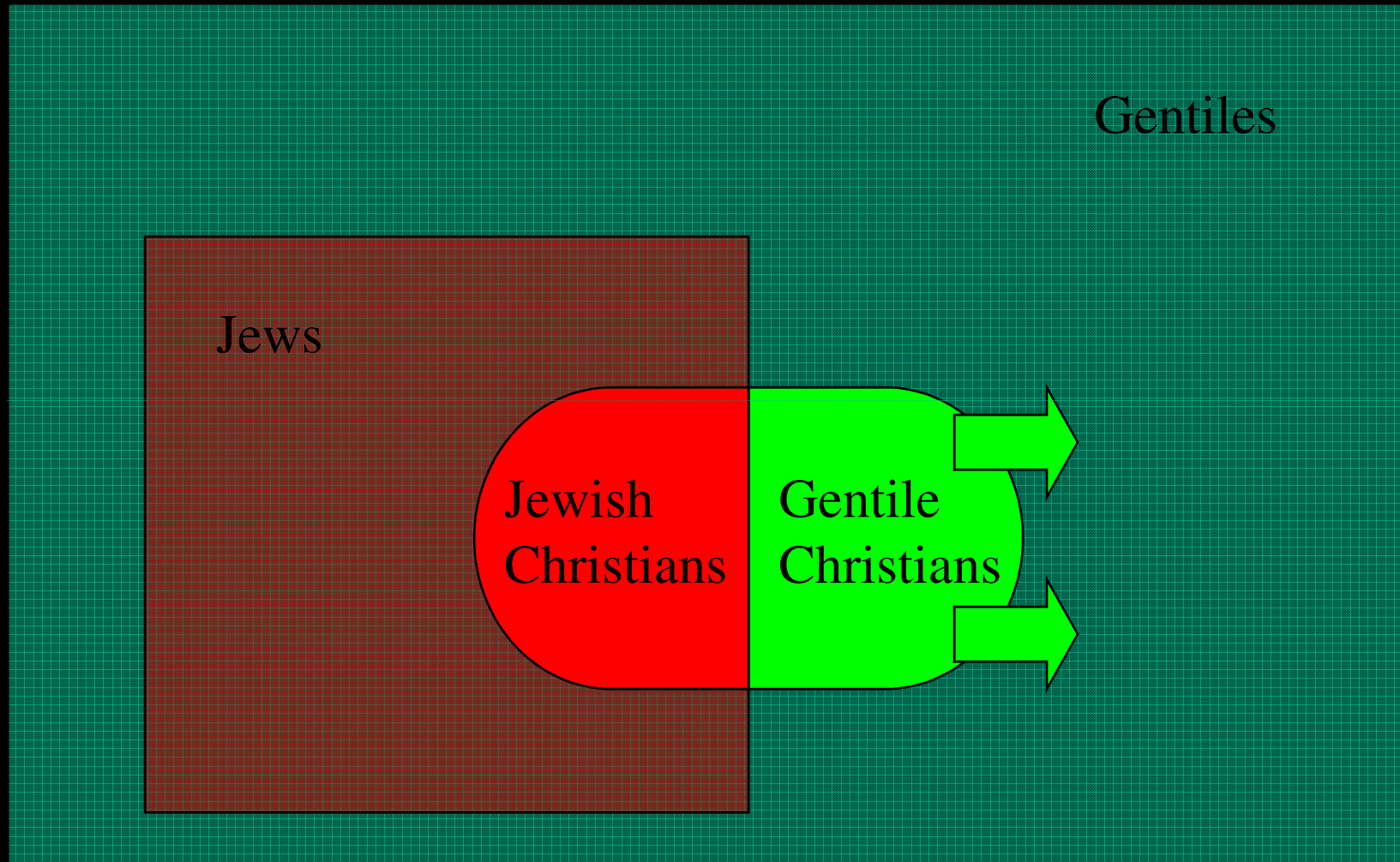
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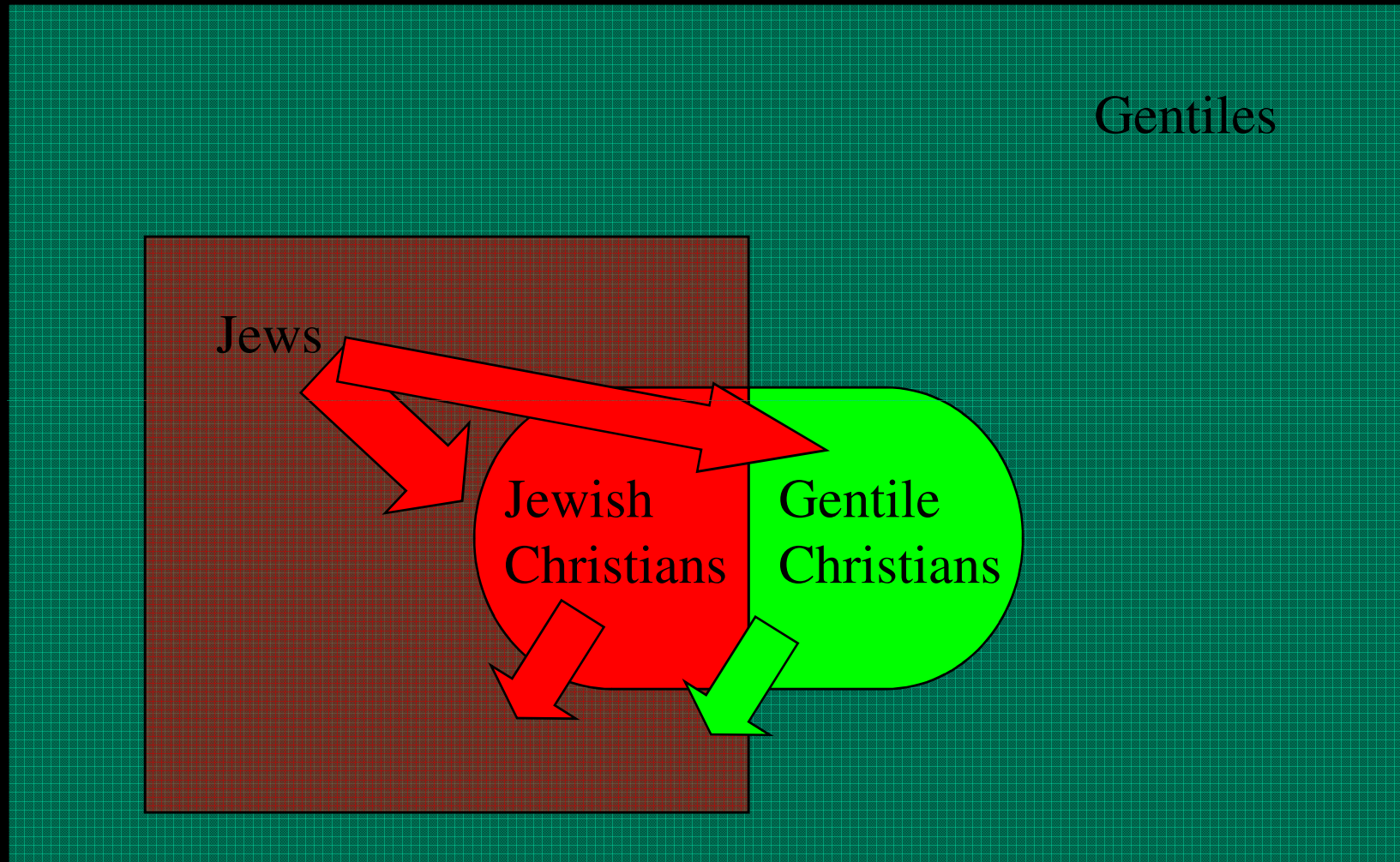
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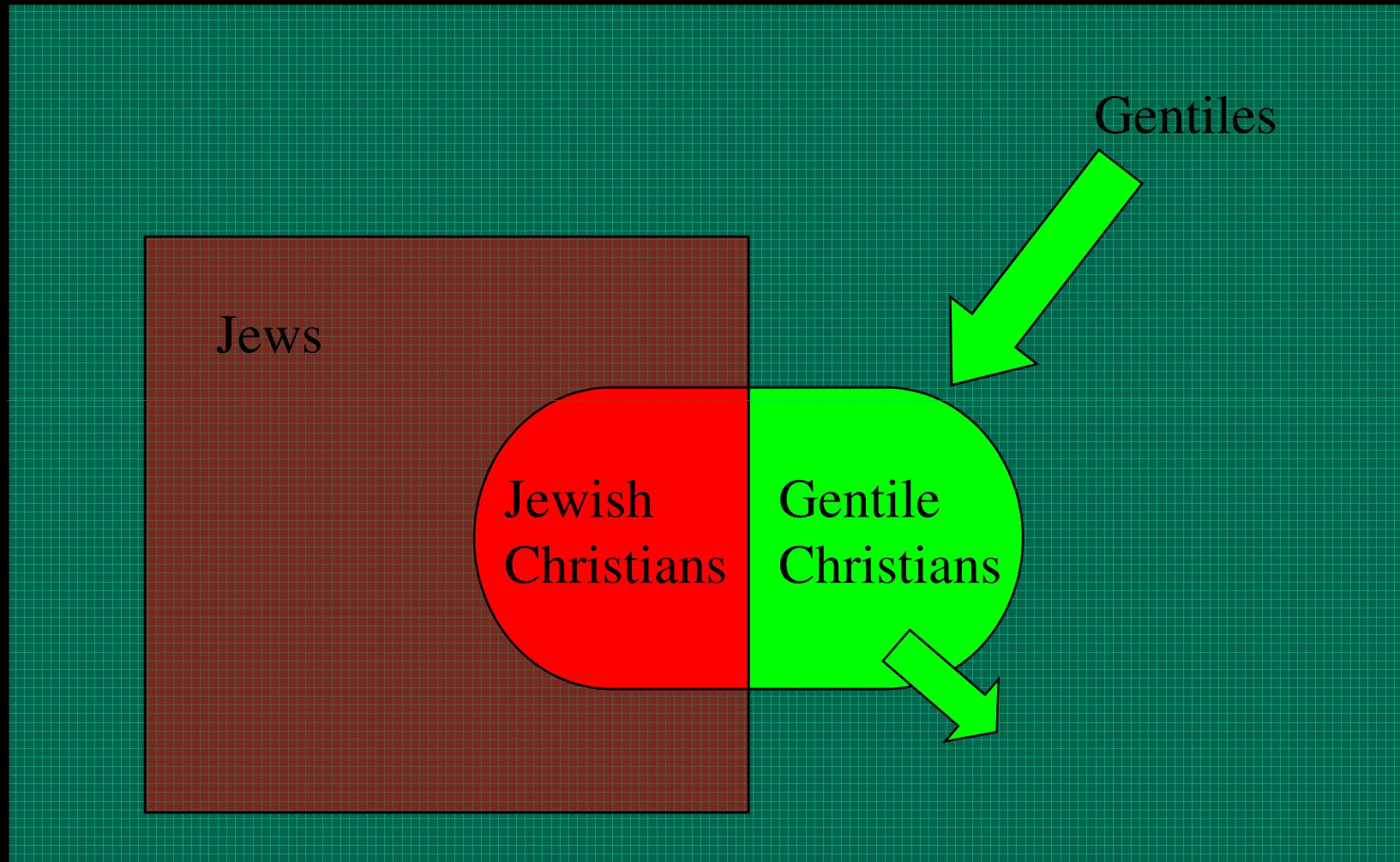
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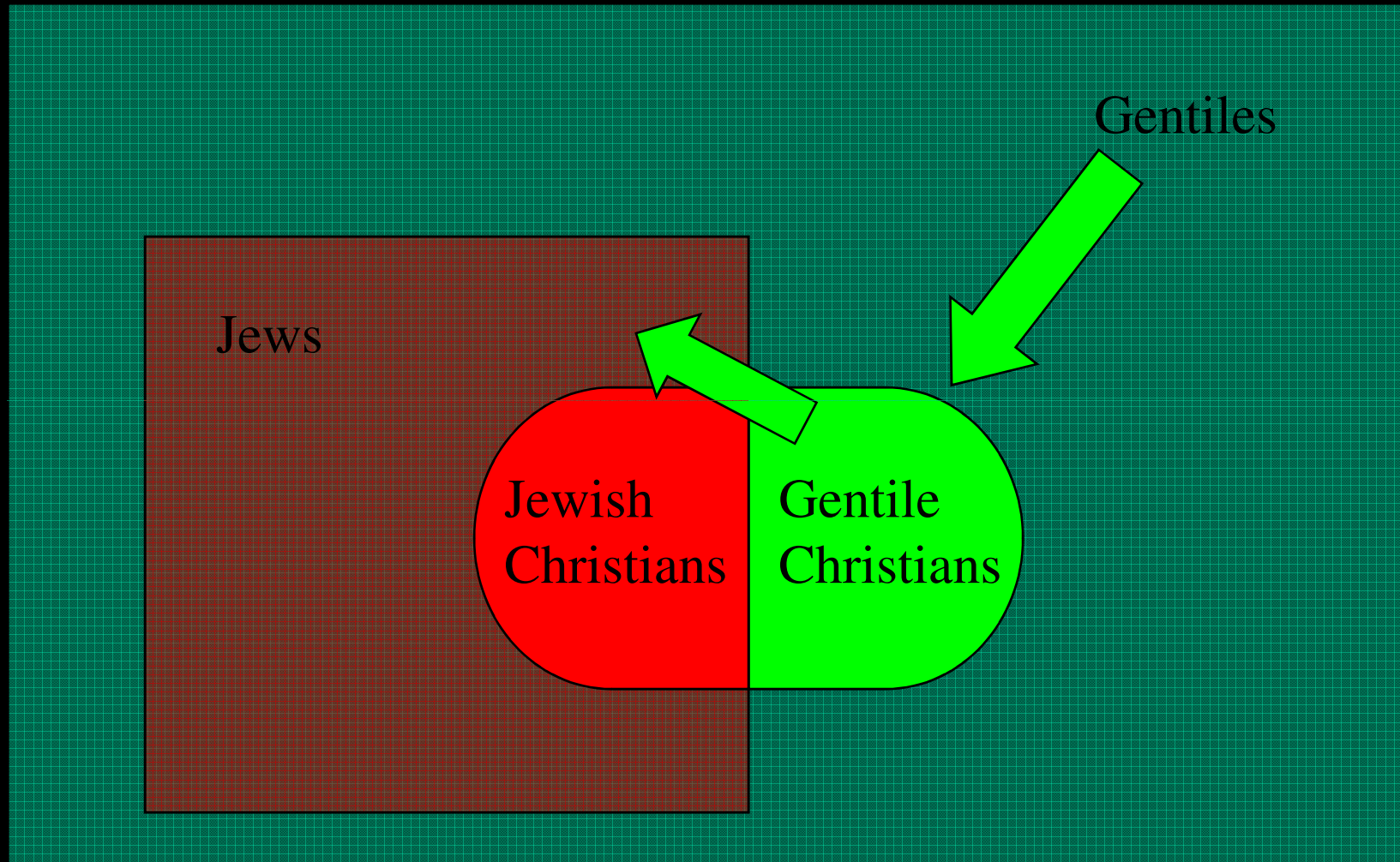
Paul's Response: *Colossians (and Hebrews?)*

Problem #5: Rome Pressuring Gentile Christians to Defect to Roman Paganism



Paul's Response: *Philippians 2*

Problem #6: Gentile Christians Seeking Protection from Rome as Ethnic Jews



Paul's Response: *Philippians 3*

“Confidence in the Flesh”

- Paul’s Resume (Philippians 3)

Inherited Things (Communal)

circumcised on the eighth day

a member of the people of Israel

of the tribe of Benjamin

a Hebrew born of Hebrews

Achieved Things (Individual)

as to the law, a Pharisee

as to zeal, a persecutor of the church

as to righteousness under the law,
blameless

“Confidence in the Flesh”

- A Parallel: Paul in White America

Inherited Things (Communal)

my ancestors came on the
Mayflower

my family has been in Boston since
the 1600's

I am related to the Adams and
Kennedy families

a blueblood of bluebloods

Achieved Things (Individual)

graduated from Exeter and Harvard
have held various political offices
and have no criminal record