

the ~~ppp~~ people were the patricians who had the power, and two thirds were the plebians, and the plebians thought that they were being mistreated and they simply ~~wia~~ walked out and they refused to support the governemtn and work with them, and then they made a compromise whereby the plebians would have more rights than before, but not only that, ~~but~~ the plebians could elect two officials and they called them tribunes, and the tribunes of the plebians had a great deal of authority to protect plebians from any mistreatment by the governemtn. And the tribunes continued as an office until the very end of the Roman Empire. And no patrician was allowed to be a tribune. They were not the leading officials, but they had a great deal of power, particularly in protecting others, ~~andxxxx~~ from any oppression by the government.

And so a ~~xxx~~ system developed in Rome whereby there was a very great idea of the rights of the individual, and of the right of the individual to be free with his right to think and act as he wanted, if it did not interfere with the welfare of the country and of the empire. This idea of law developed in Rome to a very great extent during those centuries and when the Romans began to spread and conquer other territories, it did not hold the other people as subjects to them, at least not for a long period. ~~xxxxxxixxxxx~~ held these They conquered sections of Italy, they ~~xxxxxxix~~ sections under them until they were pretty well subject to them and there was little chance for rebellion and then they gave them the right for Roman citizens, so that gradually Roman citizenship spread until by ~~xx~~ 400 A.D. all who ~~ix~~ lived within the Roman empire were citizens of Rome. In the time of Paul, most of the ~~pppp~~ people of Italy were citizens of Rome and people in various citizens here and there had been given Roman citizenship. You remember Paul said that he was a Roman citizen and had great rights and protection. And he enjoyed this right because his father had received it and had passed it on to him.

(question) Sometimes they would give it to a particular city, sometimes to a particular area, and sometimes to particular individuals, it varied. But it gradually would spread, ~~xx~~ and it was a policy ~~that gradually kept~~ ~~spreadingxxxxxx~~ to keep spreading the number that had Roman citizenship/