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The Bumpy Journey Toward an Adventist Theology of Salvation

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## The Importance of the Topic

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## *Tightrope Walking and Car Accidents*

# The Importance of the Topic

Are we born sinners?

REVIVE Vespers Presents:

## *Are We Born Sinners?*

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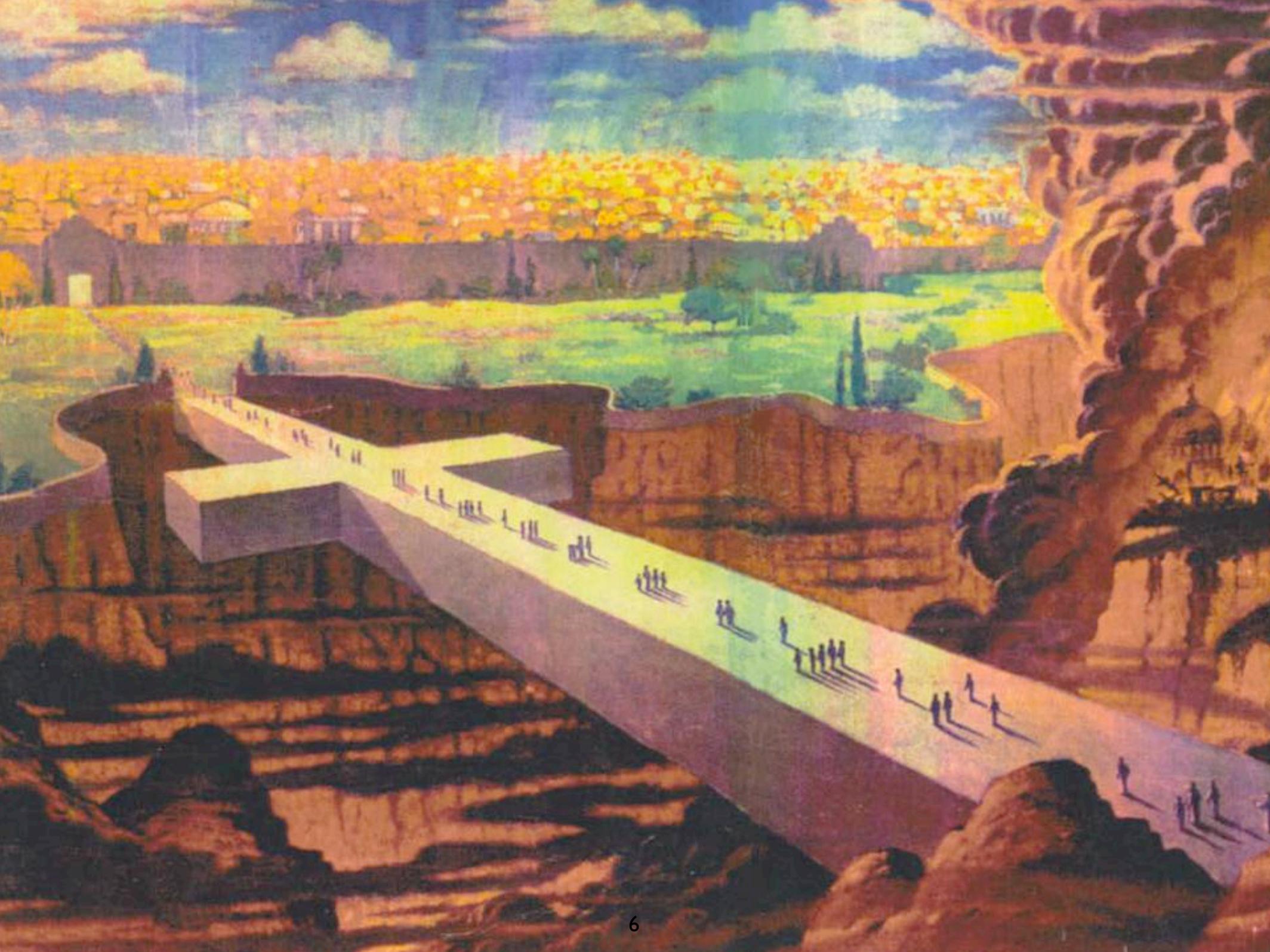
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS TO FOLLOW

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“The justification of the sinner is not simply an internal and invisible process but it also requires external and visible obedience to the law of God given to humanity on the Mount Sinai.” *CC34*

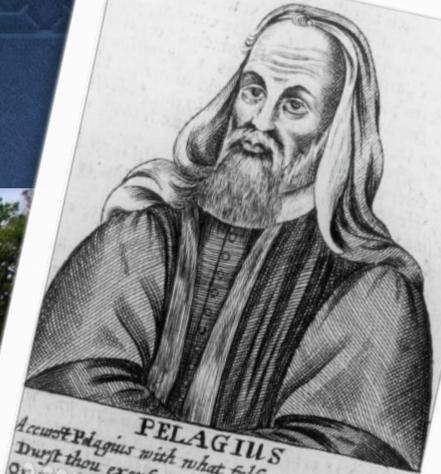
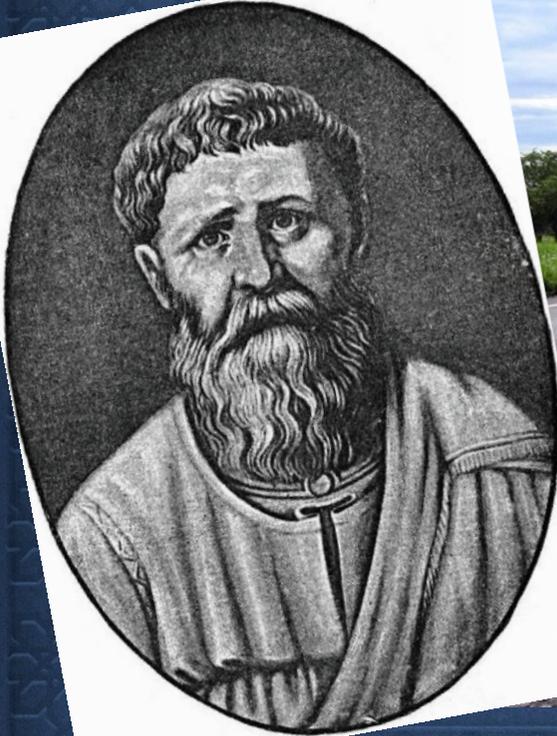




*What do I have to do to be saved?*



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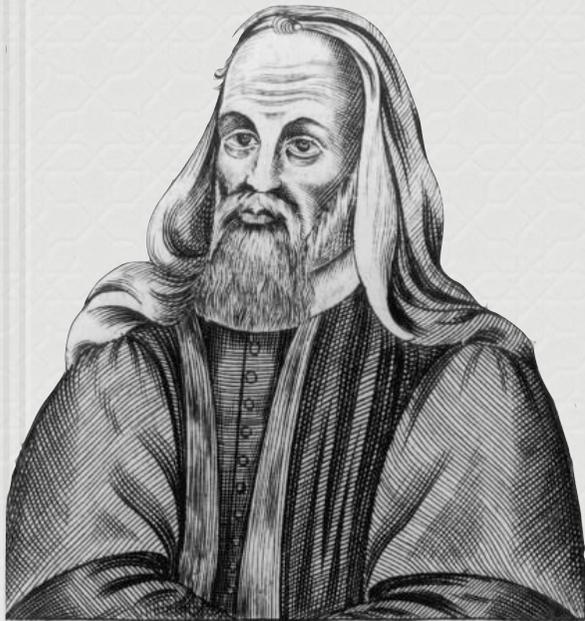
# Original Sin and Human Nature

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*Innocent beginnings already in the 5th century*

# Pelagian Controversy (5th century)

*Big Question: What effect did the Fall have on humanity?*



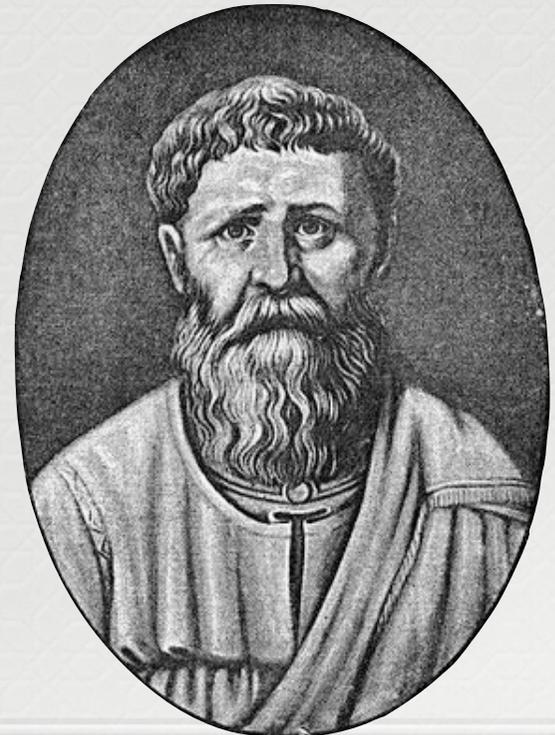
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 **Pelagius** (ca. AD 354 – ca. AD 420/440)

-  *Human Nature*
-  *The Nature of Sin*
-  *The Nature of God's Grace*

 **Augustine** (354-430)



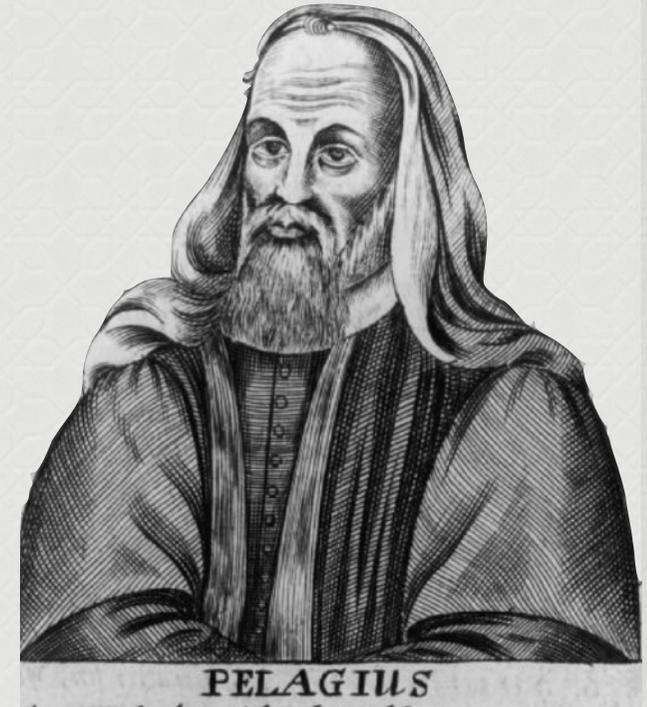
# *The Pelagian Controversy*

- **Human Nature**

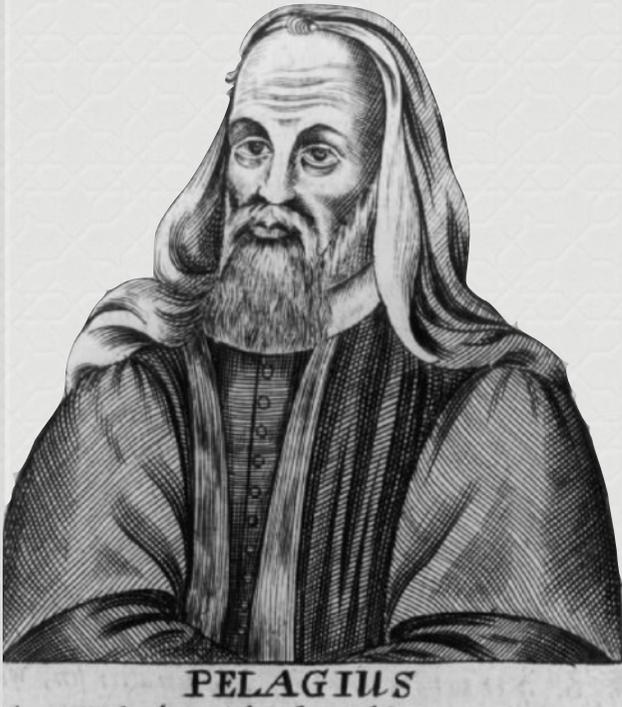
- We are all born perfect; uncorrupted by sin
- Morally neutral
- Uncorrupted free will

- **Nature of Sin**

- Refusal to perfectly obey
- How do people become sinners?  
By example



# *The Pelagian Controversy*



- The nature of God's grace
  - Enlightenment through the Ten Commandments
  - Available to all
  - Jesus demonstrated the perfect life for us

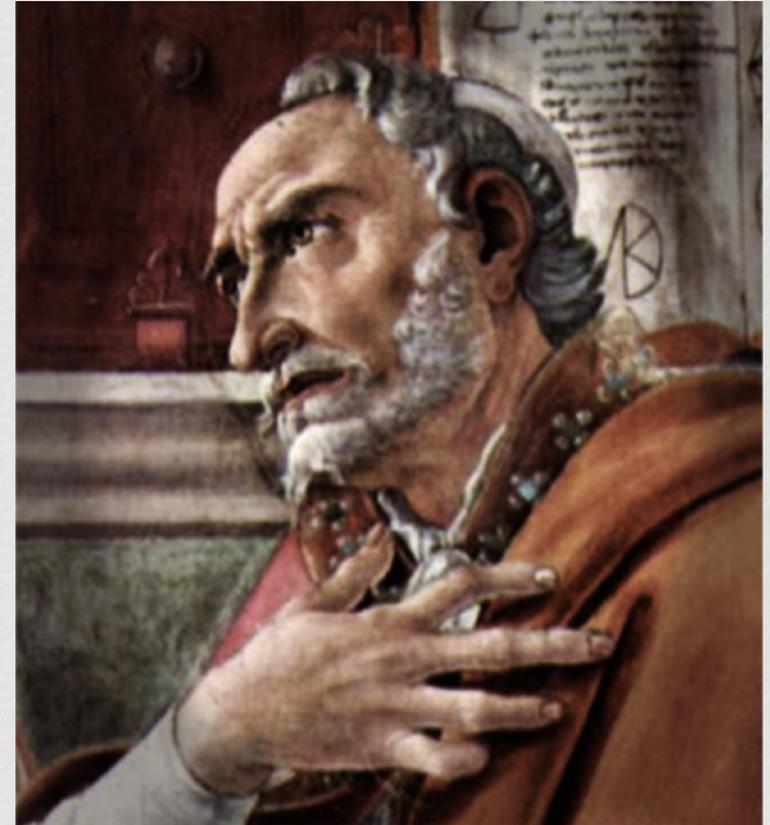
What are the soteriological implications of Pelagianism?

*Salvation Purely by Works*

# *The Pelagian Controversy*

- **Human Nature**

- **Completely damaged**
- **Original sin**
  - **Guilt for Adam's sin (all sinned with Adam)**
  - **Total corruption (depravity)**
  - **Inclination to sin**
- **Consequences for Humanity**
  - **Guilt, total corruption, inclination to sin is passed on to every human being**



**Humanity: *Massa Damnata***

# *The Pelagian Controversy*

- The nature of God's Grace



- Grace: Unmerited favour
- Grace is irresistible
- Salvation is unconditional
- God makes the choice whom to save

What are the soteriological implications of Augustinianism?

*Salvation Purely by Grace*

*Predestination*

# *Original Sin*

 <i>Original Sin</i>	<i>Pelagius</i>	<i>Augustine</i>
 <i>Guilt</i>		
 <i>Inclination to Sin</i>		
 <i>Total Depravity</i>		

# The Pelagian Controversy

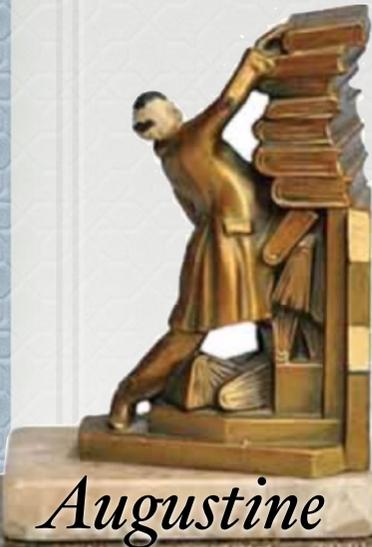
*Two extremes*

Augustine

Pelagius

*Salvation by Justification*

*Salvation by Sanctification*



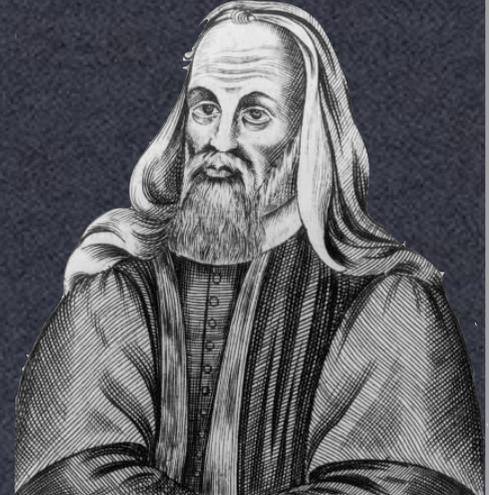
*Augustine*



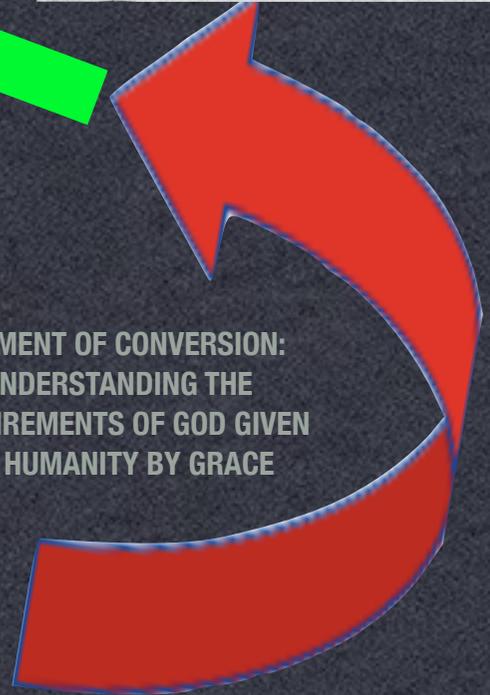
*Pelagius*

# The Pelagian View of Salvation

DEATH AND FINAL JUDGMENT



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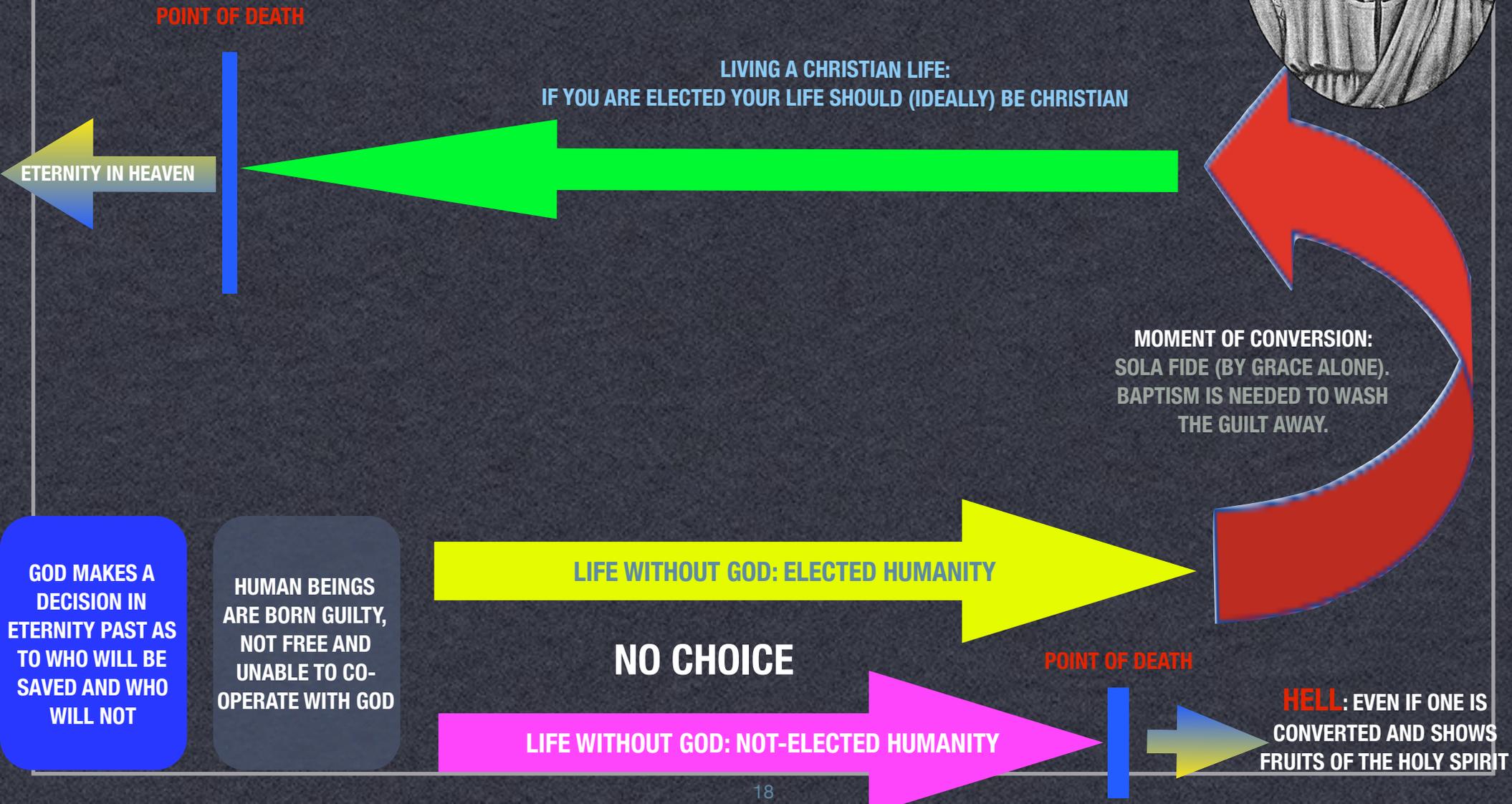
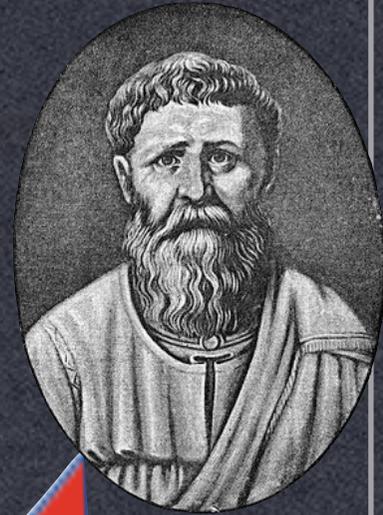


MOMENT OF CONVERSION:  
UNDERSTANDING THE  
REQUIREMENTS OF GOD GIVEN  
TO HUMANITY BY GRACE



HUMAN BEINGS  
ARE BORN  
COMPLETELY FREE  
AND MORALLY  
NEUTRAL

# The Augustinian View of Salvation





*Pelagianism*





*Augustine*



1. Explore the implication of the Pelagian Controversy on contemporary Adventism.

2. Which position (i.e, Pelagianism or Augustinianism) would be more inclined towards anti-trinitarianism? And why?

Explore possible theological connections.