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I. Introduction / Review

a. Augustine's Background

b. Augustine's Conversion

c. Augustine's Ministry

d. Donatist Controversy

II. Pelagius

a. Background / Early Life

b. The Pelagian Controversy

"My whole hope is in Thy exceeding great mercy and that alone. Give what Thou commandest and command what Thou wilt. Thou commandest continence from us, and when I knew, as it was said, that no one could be continent unless God gave it to him, even this was a point of wisdom, to know whose gift it was."

- Augustine of Hippo

ii. Continent – _____

ii. Pelagius' (heretical) beliefs:

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III. Augustine's Response to Pelagius

a. Augustine's View on Grace and Free Will

b. Difficulties with Augustine's Monergistic Doctrine of God and Salvation

i. Monergism –

ii. Synergism –

c. The 'end' of the Pelagian Heresy

IV. Semi- Pelagianism

a. Background

b. Beliefs

c. Augustine's response

V. Augustine and Pelagian Influences through the Middle Ages to the Modern Era

a. Western Church

b. Eastern Church

c. Protestant Reformation – "the triumph of Augustine's doctrine of grace over Augustine's doctrine of the Church"

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Salvation by God alone (no help from man)		Salvation by human ability/effort	
Calvinism	Arminianism	Semi-Pelagianism	Pelagianism

