

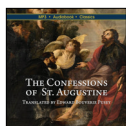
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The Confessions of St. Augustine

Augustine of Hippo (354 - 430)

Translated by Edward Bouverie Pusey (1800 - 1882)

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The Confessions of St. Augustine, also called *Confessions*, is an autobiographical work written by Augustine of Hippo between 397 and 400 AD. Originally titled *Confessions in Thirteen Books*, it consists of thirteen books written as prayers to God designed to be read aloud, each as a complete unit thought to symbolize aspects of the Trinity and Trinitarian belief. The *Confessions* is widely considered the first Western biography ever written and is by far the most complete existing record of the life of any person in the 4th and 5th centuries. Written when Augustine was in his early 40's, it outlines his sinful youth and the process of his conversion to Christianity. The first nine books comprise an unbroken narrative of his life from infancy through boyhood, youth and into adulthood. The first three pay particular attention to his remorse over his sins of lust, larceny, and lies. Books four through six

describe his questioning and beginning of movement towards Christianity under the influence of St. Ambrose. Books seven through nine address his gradual understanding of the Christian God and eventual baptism at age 33. Books ten through thirteen are commentary and contemplation, with significant insights into the operation of the senses and memory, the nature of time, and the nature and meaning of creation. The *Confessions* played a key role in shaping the medieval mindset and has inspired writers and thinkers for centuries with its remarkable candor and profound insights.

Augustine of Hippo (November 13, 354 – August 28, 430) was a Christian theologian and philosopher whose work was a major influence both Christianity and Western philosophy. He is considered one of the most important church fathers and is best known for his works *The City of God* and *Confessions*. He was born in North Africa now part of Algeria to a family with Latin and Phoenician roots. His mother was a devout Christian and his father a Pagan who converted on his deathbed. In his early years he was a follower of Manichaeism and then Neo-Platonism before converting to Christianity in 387. He was soon made Bishop of Hippo Regius in the Roman province of Numidia and developed his distinctive approach to theology and philosophy, synthesizing a variety of perspectives and methods. In doing so he advanced key concepts as the grace of Christ, the doctrine of original sin, the theory of a just war, and the concept of a spiritual *City of God* distinct from the material world that underlies the concept of the Trinity defined by the Council of Nicaea and Council of Constantinople. He is regarded as a saint by the Catholic and Anglican churches and considered by many Protestant denominations as a theological father to the Reformation for his teachings on salvation and divine grace. He is the patron saint of brewers, printers, theologians, the alleviation of sore eyes, and of a number of cities and dioceses.