

Pelagianism

Pelagius – brief background and history, who he fell out with.

Historical circumstances were changing:

- Post-Constantine,
- fall of Rome,
- change in baptismal practice,
- post-baptismal sin

The core of his heresy

Where he fell out with Augustine

reading of *Confessions* – if he hadn't picked the fight, he would not have got into trouble

Inset: grace, faith, works, sin

Inset: baptism, and conversion

What does the Bible say? – Original Sin, Grace, Baptism, Faith, Works

Where was Pelagius wrong?

Where was Pelagius 'right'?

Where was Augustine right?

Where was Augustine wrong?

The gospel of grace and the open church ...

(shatters the mode of most religious institutions)