**Church History Outline 14: Augustine of Hippo**

I. Biographical sketch

A. Augustine was born in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to a Christian mother and a pagan father

B. He lived in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as a youth.

C. He felt \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and sought meaning in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ beliefs.

D. He moved to Italy in 384 and was impressed by the preaching of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, bishop of Milan.

E. He began reading the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and was converted, being baptized by Ambrose

in 387.

F. In 391 he was ordained a priest in the North African city of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and soon became a bishop.

G. Augustine died in 430 during a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Hippo.

II. Augustine and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

A. The Donatists were a large faction of Christians in North Africa who believed the Catholic church had been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Donatists stressed the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the true church.

2. They believed that some bishops had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by giving Bibles up for burning during persecution before Constantine’s time.

3. They viewed the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as being corrupted by these bishops.

a. Priests and bishops ordained by these apostates were not “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” priests and bishops.

b. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ administered by such priests were not valid.

B. Augustine argued against the Donatists.

1. Augustine interpreted passages such as Matt. 13:24–30, the parable of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to argue against the claim that the church is pure.

2. Augustine argued that a priest is merely a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God’s grace when he administers the sacraments, and his personal spirituality is irrelevant.

3. Augustine eventually supported the use of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to suppress “heresy” like Donatism.

III. Augustine’s views of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the debate with Pelagius

A. Pelagius was a monk who taught that all people have the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sin or righteousness.

1. Most people sin, but can be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by God through faith.

2. Christians can live righteously by their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

B. Augustine argued that we have all inherited a profound \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. We are spiritually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by sin.

2. It is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for us to do good through our own efforts.

C. God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ some to receive His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and overcome sin.

IV. *The City of God*

A. Like many in his time, Augustine was troubled by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Roman Empire.

B. In *The City of God*, Augustine contrasts the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ glory of sinful human empires with the eternal glory of God’s kingdom, represented on earth by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

C. The church is therefore \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the state, and the state must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to it.