

..In fact Calvinism is often called Augustinianism because it is felt to be simply a presentation of what Augustine taught, Calvin carrying it forward a bit more.

But Christians regardless of viewpoint = look back to St. A. as one of the greatest figures in all ancient history. He begins during this 4th century. So to understand Augustine during this last part of the century, it is important to enter into his background. That is another reason for the importance of these events. They enter into the understanding. We will discuss him under the 5th Century.

question

We are not considering the apostles in C. H. but in Bible, leaving them aside.

I would say that in ancient church history, there are no two men who have had a greater part in all Christian thought. Certainly from any viewpoint Jerome was one who had a tremendous effect. His translation from Greek to Latin was an excellent translation. It was not an authorized translation in the way that the church said this is the Bible you should use. In fact, it won acceptance because it was a very excellent translation into Latin from the Greek and Hebrew and a very careful translation. It won acceptance because of its excellence over the three Latin translations that were around. The very interesting thing is that it was called the Vulgate which means, translation into the language of the vulgar people or the common people, because it was Jerome's attempt to make the Bible available for everyone in their own language, so he put it into the language of the common people. He made such a good translation that the RC church today says that many people should not read it in their own language but should read the Vulgate which completely reverses the meaning of the title it is given. It is today the language of scholars, not the language of the common people but is still called the Vulgate.

question

Well if you can prove that the book of Hebrews teaches that, you can prove that St. A. ....but if you believe that Hebrews does not teach it, you have even less reason to think that of Ag. Now that is getting on to A. and we are going to spend considerable time later on.