

Augustinian Hermeneutics

Regula Fidei

- Nicean / Constantinople Creed (the Trinity)
- Chalcedonian Creed (the dual nature of Jesus Christ)
- Athanasian Creed



Theological Virtues

- Faith
 - Hope
 - Love
- These are special gifts of the Holy Spirit given to every believer

Augustine of Hippo 354- 430 AD

Hermeneutics of trust: The Bible is inspired, inerrant, authoritative, sufficient and clear.

The Bible has two Authors:

1. God is the primary author
2. The writers of the Bible were the secondary authors

Consequently; there are two levels of interpretation

1. Literal (uses the historical - grammatical method) focuses on the human author's intent
2. Allegorical- anything that the human author did not intend, but that the divine author did.

All interpretations are regulated by the creeds and the theological virtues. Any interpretation contrary to these regulators are not Christian interpretations of the Bible

To properly interpret the Bible, one must have proper motive and Christian character.

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