Pascal's Doctrine of Grace

— Concerning that of Saint Augustine and of Calvin —

ABSTRACT

As shown in No.85 of our Review, Pascal gives a complete accordance with Saint Augustine's doctrine of God's grace, and denies that of Calvin's doctrine. But, Calvin quotes many passages on the grace of God, in his principal work, *Institution de la Religion Chrétienne*, from Saint Augustine's writings. Calvin used them to establish his theological system. And scholars have admitted that Calvin is Saint Augustine's disciple in Christian doctrines, above all, the doctrine of grace. Nevertheless, Pascal emphasized a different perspective from that of Calvin. On examining the doctrine of those two, we cannot find important differences, rather there are similar qualities. To explain this inconsistency, we could hypothesize that it was Pascal's effort to avoid the reproach of Jesuits, that is to say, Port-Royal and Calvin are guilty of the same heresy.

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