

Without going into the historical background of Augustine, let it suffice to say that in his day, this Bishop of Hippo, was a prolific writer and spokesman for the cause of Christ. One of his many sayings is as follows: "Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to His love, and the future to His providence."

What wonderful thoughts. We cannot change the past, but glory be to God that He can forgive our sins and shortcomings. Glory be to God that he will bless us for all the good we have done. His mercy makes the past something we can live with even though it may not be as we have wished.

The present with its troubles and problems can be enough to get anyone down. Yet, despite all that Satan tries to do to get us to sin, God's love reigns supreme. Nothing can separate us from the love of God. Life getting you down? Then think of God's great love for you each day. Remember 's gift of love in sending Christ. Even if all else fails God still loves you and cares for you.

The future is always full of doubt and fear. We worry about what might happen. What bad is in store for me? Or, is there any good that I am going to accomplish? We wonder about the future of our family, our friends, our neighbors, and most of all ourselves. But we can trust the future to the One who holds the future... God. His providential care makes everything work out for the good.

Give yourself a chance to know God!

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