

In the preface we asked the question whether human beings are able to reach atonement on their own. We decided to explore the doctrine of Saint Augustine who had been dealing with this theme intensively. Firstly we aimed to find Augustine's definition of sin. Then we searched for the origin of bad deeds and attempted to define Augustine's will (*voluntas*) briefly. We looked for the reason of the faculty of free choice in man and compared this freedom of choice with freedom itself. We searched for the cause and the form of the present human lack of freedom and tried to find out whether and how the liberation of man possible is. Lastly we have found a satisfactory answer to our question. Acts so far influence man's future behaviour. Frequent bad actions cause the ignorance of and the difficulty in carrying out the good. In spite of this I am convinced that man is able to achieve the genuine virtue because I believe he can comprehend the nature of single acts and strengthen his will to the good by practice.