



GREGORY THE GREAT

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d. 604

Bishop, Musician, Biblical Scholar

- ✠ Doctor of the Western Church
- ✠ Sent Augustine to re-evangelize Britain
- ✠ Opposed coerced conversions of pagans and Jews
- ✠ Reformed the Latin Mass
- ✠ Supported musical changes that developed into Gregorian Chant
- ✠ Wrote sermons, *Commentary on Job*, *Dialogues on the Life of St. Benedict*, *Book of the Pastoral Rule*, and many letters

“*Non Angli, sed angeli*” (Not Angles, but angels)

Some think that the Old Testament is stricter than the New, but they are judging wrongly: they are fooling themselves. The old Law did not punish the desire to hold onto wealth: it punished theft. But now the rich man is not condemned because he has taken the property of others; rather, he is condemned for not giving his own property away.