Soteriology

Session 28



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Soteriology Overview

I. Definition
II. Election
III. Atonement
IV. Salvation words
V. God's one condition of salvation
VI. Results of salvation
VII. <u>Eternal security</u>
VIII. Faulty views of salvation

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VII. Eternal Security





Definition of Eternal Security

"Eternal Security means that those who have been *genuinely saved* **by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone** shall never be in danger of God's condemnation or loss of salvation but God's grace and power keep them forever saved and secure."

Dennis Rokser, *Shall Never Perish Forever*, p. 11

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Evidence for Eternal Security

1. Because self-righteousness did not save us it is not a basis upon which salvation can be lost
2. Salvation is not given or maintained by works
3. If a believer can lose eternal life, then how can this life be eternal (John 3:16)?
4. The Bible's promises guarantee security (John 10:28)
5. The assurance of salvation (1 John 5:14)
6. The believer is predestined for glory (Rom 8:29-30)
7. The Spirit's seal cannot be broken (Eph 4:30)

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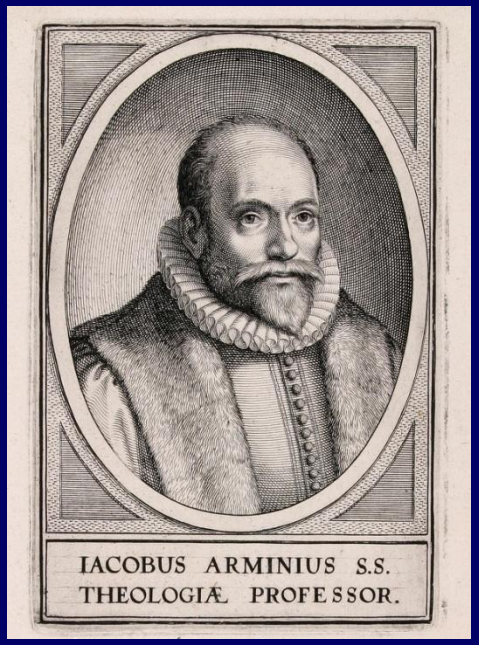
8. God keeps us from falling (1 Pet 1:4-5)
9. Christ's role as intercessor and advocate (John 17:11-12, 20)
10. Christ's death perfectly dealt with all sins (Titus 2:14)
11. A believer cannot be removed from Christ's body (1 Cor. 12:13)
12. The Bible does not specify which sins remove salvation
13. Believers with unfruitful lives still have salvation although lose rewards at the Bema Seat (1 Cor 3:15)

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Introduction

- Rejoice?
- Jacob Arminius (1560–1609)
- Harmonization
- The Bible cannot contradict itself
- Biblical order



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2. Passages from Matthew
3. Passages from John
4. Passages from Acts
5. Passages from Paul



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6. Passages from James
7. Passages from Hebrews
8. Passages from 2 Peter
9. Passages from 1 John
10. Passages from Revelation
11. Miscellaneous argument

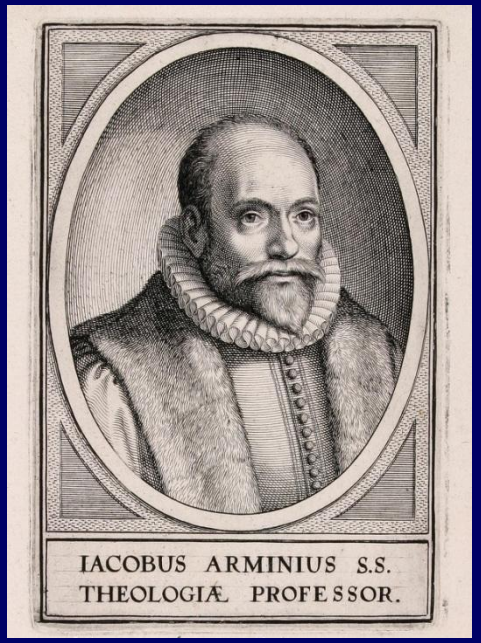


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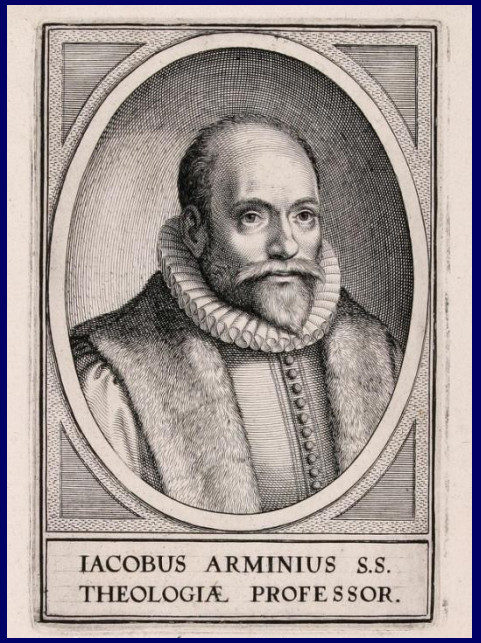


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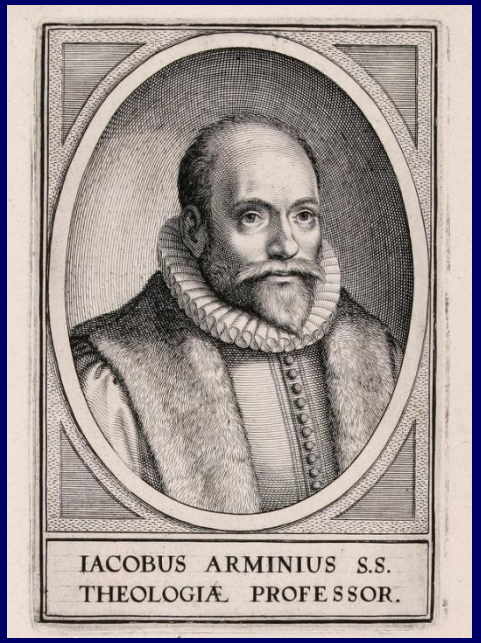
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Eden = Probationary Environment

Eden (Genesis 1-2)	Eternal State (Rev 21-22)
Division of light and darkness 1:4	No night 21:25
Division of land and sea 1:10	No sea 21:1
Sun and moon 1:16	No sun and moon 21:23
Garden 2:8-9	City (21:2)
River flowing out of Eden 2:10	River flowing from throne 22:1
Gold in the land 2:12	Gold in the city 21:21
Tree of life in the middle of the garden 2:9	Tree of life throughout the city 22:2
Bdellium and onyx stone 2:12	All manner of stones 21:19
Tree of knowledge of good and evil 2:17	Tree of knowledge of good and evil (not present)
God walking in the garden 3:8	God dwelling with His people 21:3

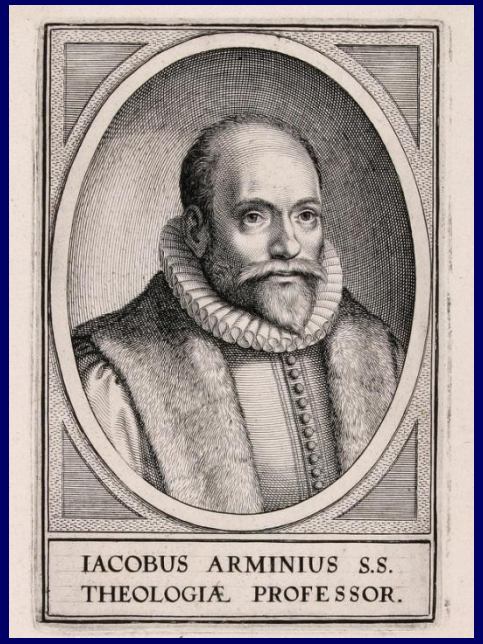
Henry Morris, Genesis Record, p.33

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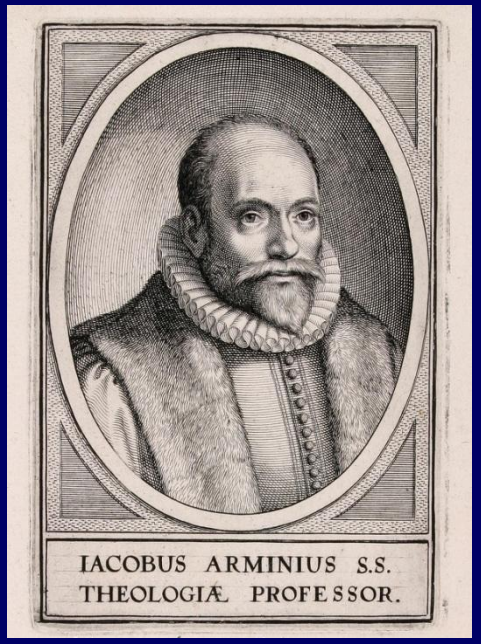
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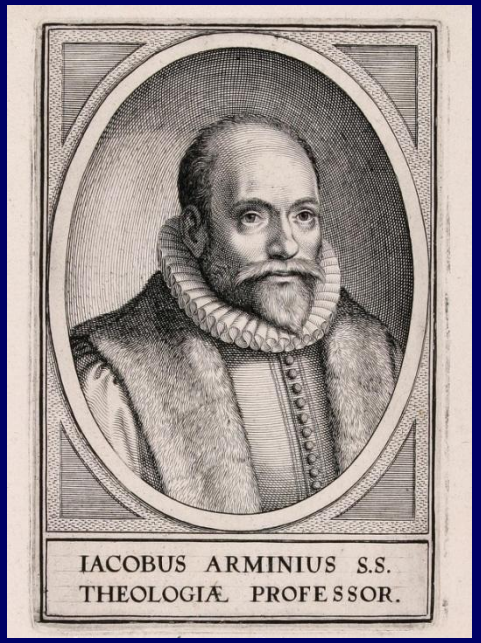
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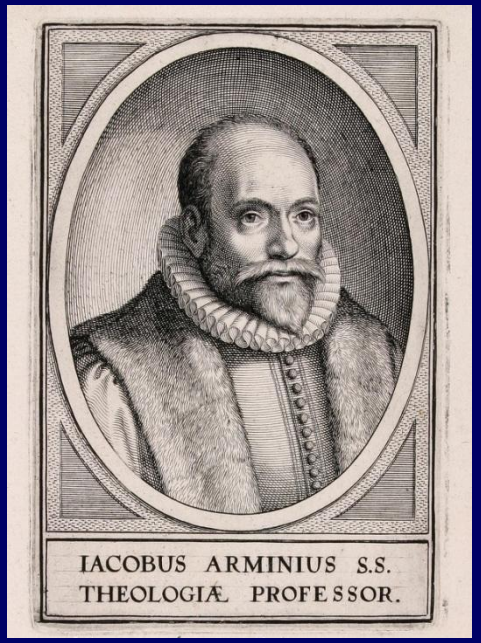
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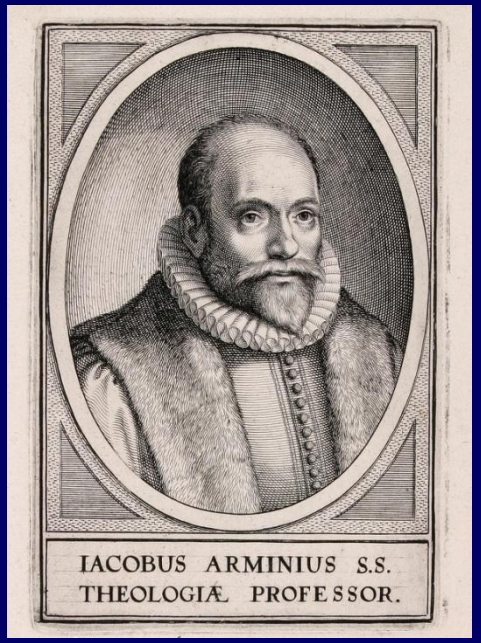
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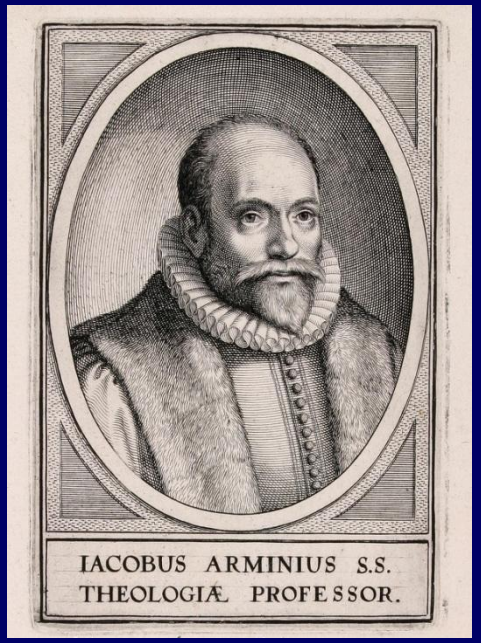


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Work of the Spirit in the OT

	OT/GOSPELS	TODAY
Reception of all of the Spirit at the moment of salvation?	Subsequent to salvation (Exod 31:3)	At moment of salvation (Rom 8:9)
How long is the indwelling?	Temporary indwelling (1 Sam 16:14; Ps 51:11)	Permanent indwelling (John 14:16)
Who is indwelt?	Selective indwelling (Joel 2:28)	Universal indwelling (1 Cor 12:13)

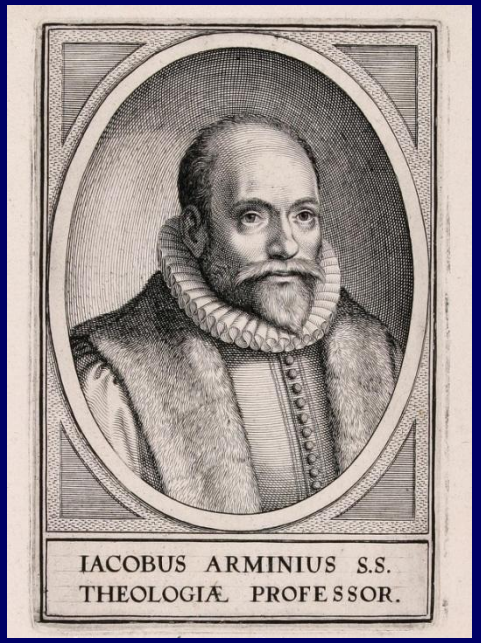
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