Soteriology

Session 29



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Soteriology Overview

I. Definition
II. Election
III. Atonement
IV. Salvation words
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VIII. Faulty views of salvation

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VII. Eternal Security



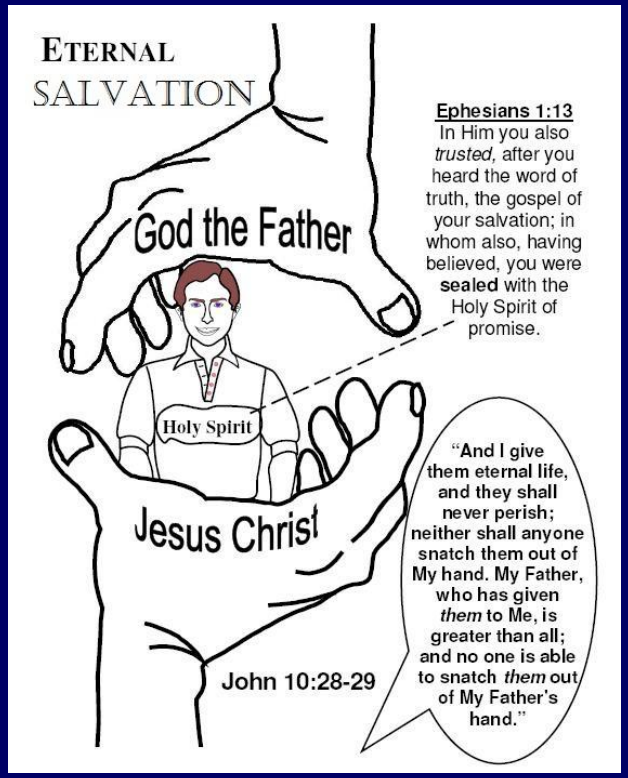


Definition of Eternal Security

"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."

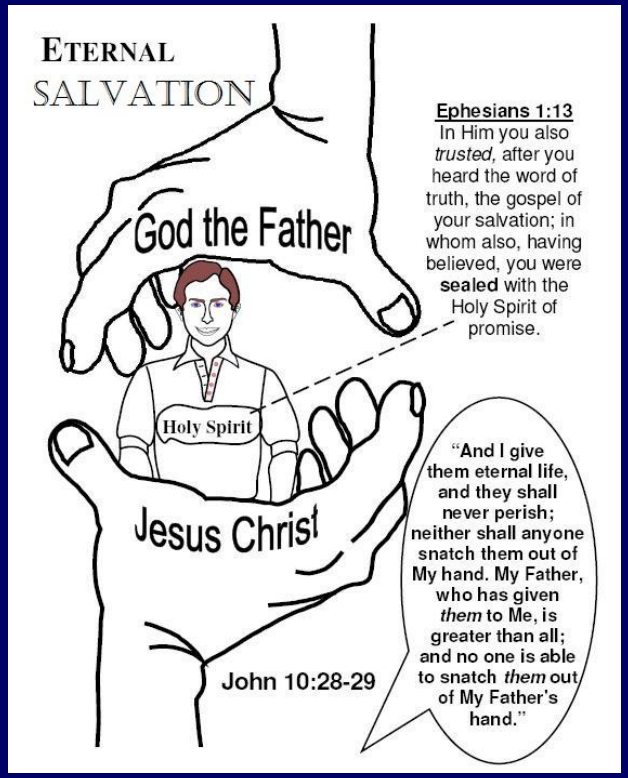
Dennis Rokser, *Shall Never Perish Forever*, p. 11

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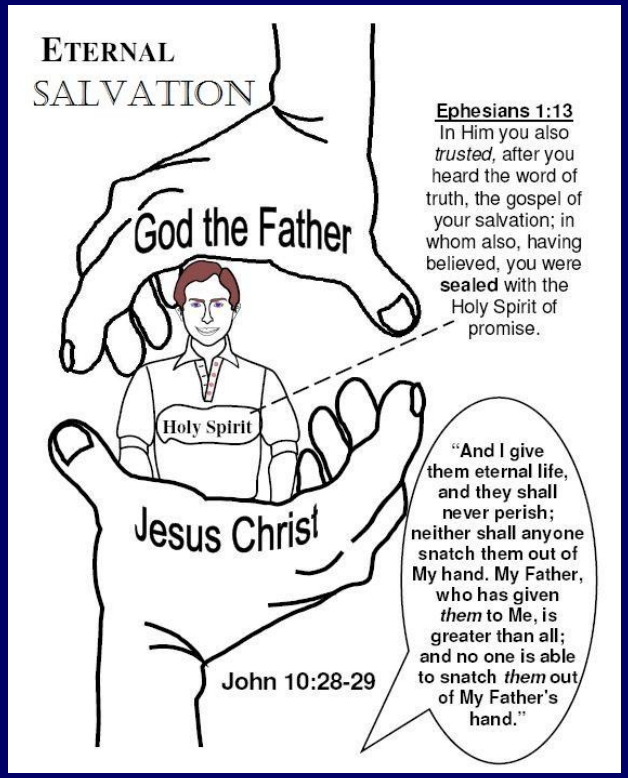
Evidence for Eternal Security

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)

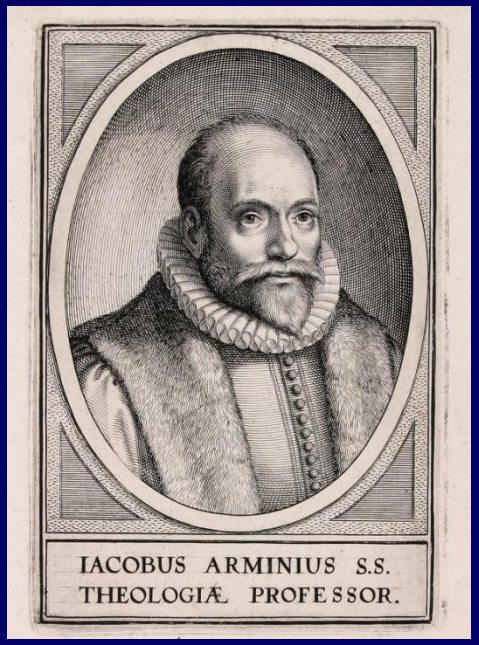
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Introduction

- 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
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6. Passages from James
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8. Passages from 2 Peter
9. Passages from 1 John
10. Passages from Revelation
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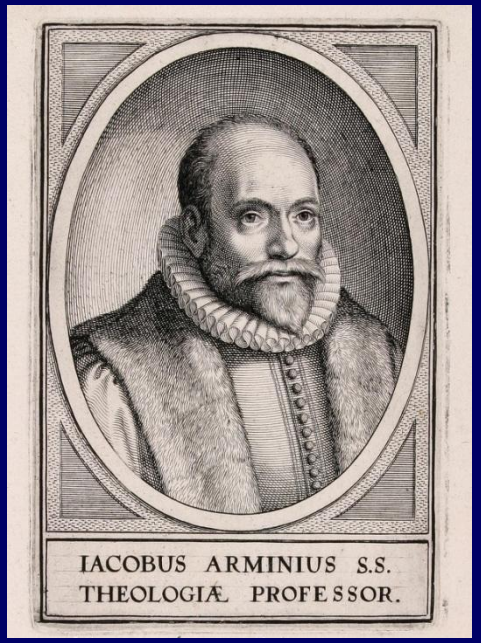


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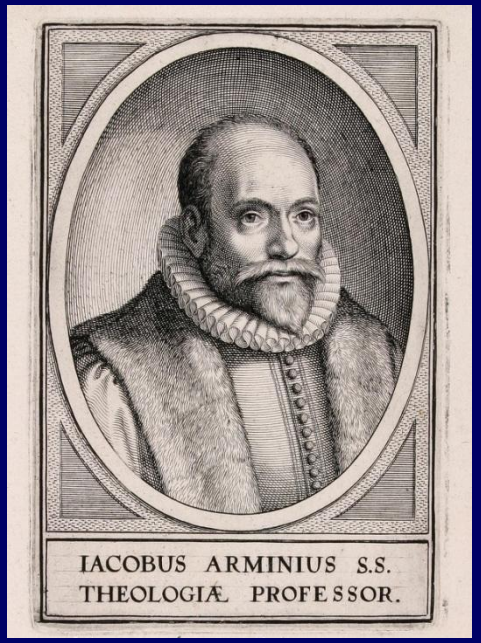


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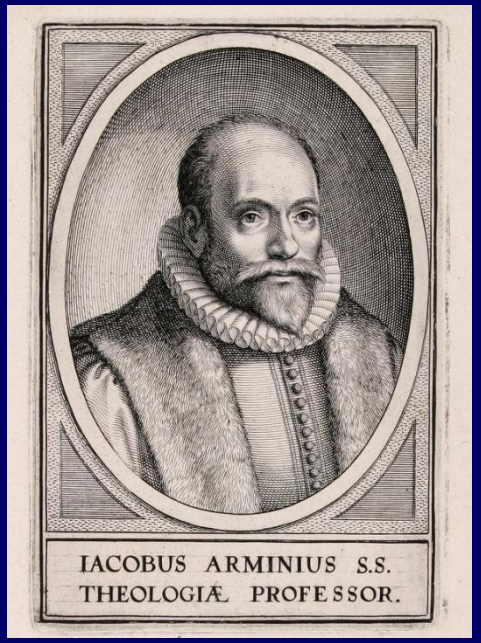
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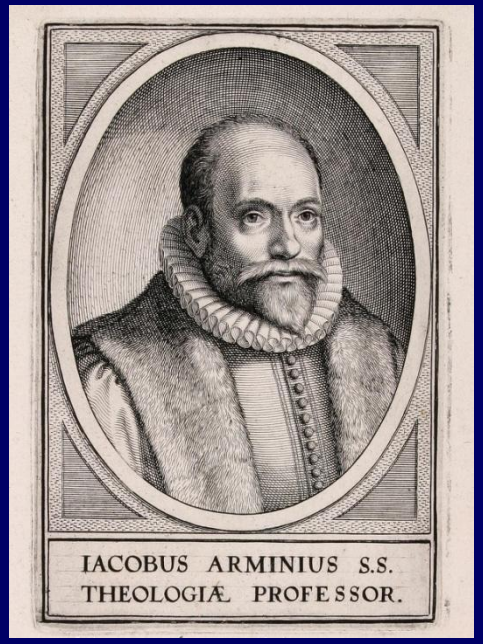
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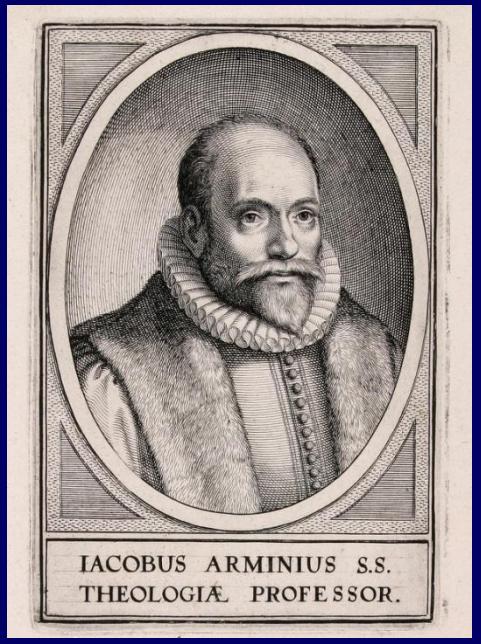
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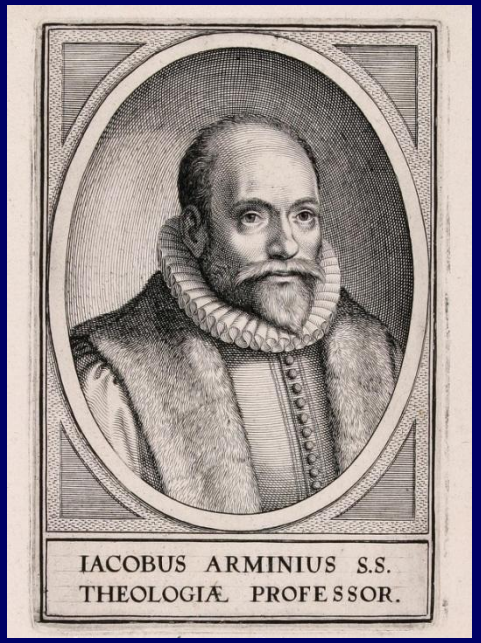
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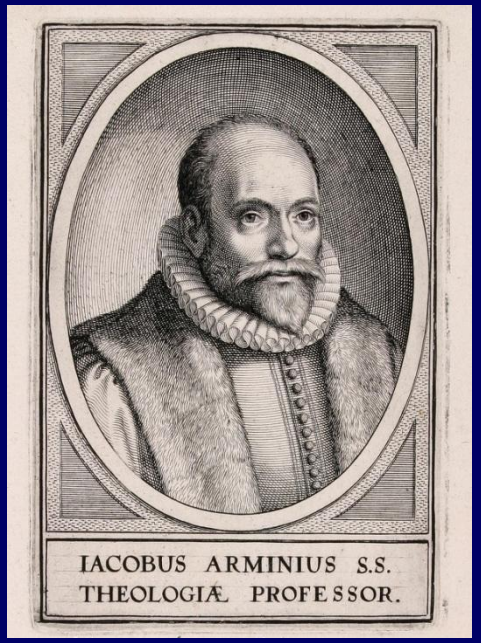
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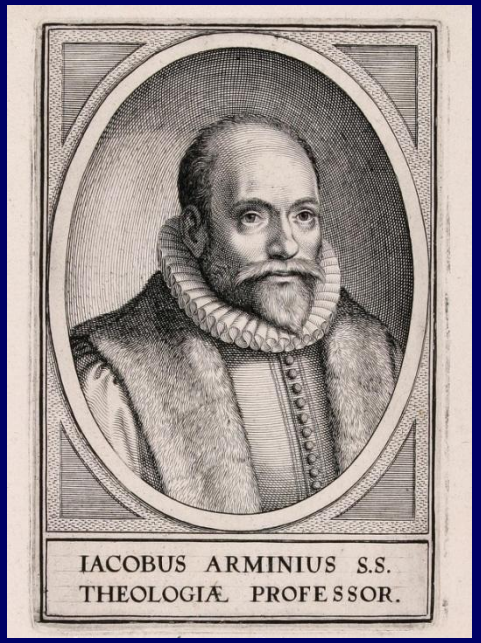
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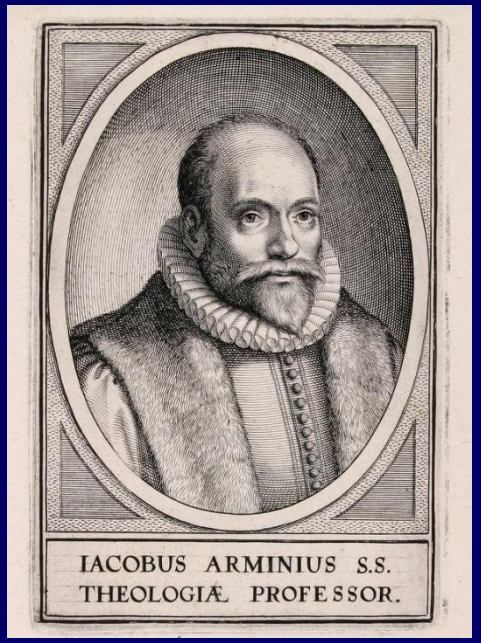


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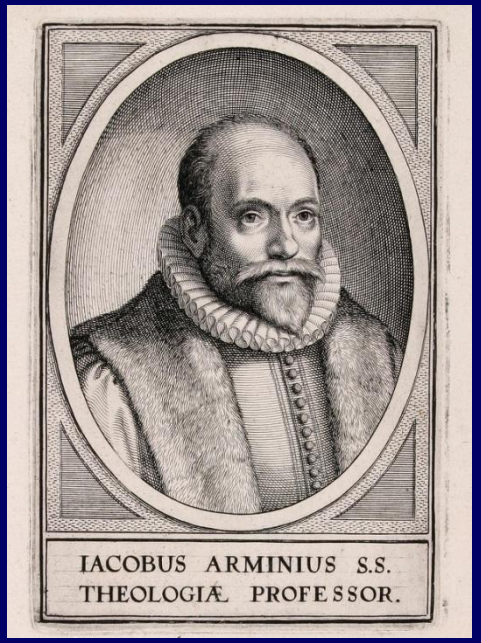
	OT/GOSPELS	TODAY
Reception of all of the Spirit at the moment of salvation?	Subsequent to salvation (Exod 31:3)	At moment of salvation (Rom 8:9)
How long is the indwelling?	Temporary indwelling (1 Sam 16:14; Ps 51:11)	Permanent indwelling (John 14:16)
Who is indwelt?	Selective indwelling (Joel 2:28)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

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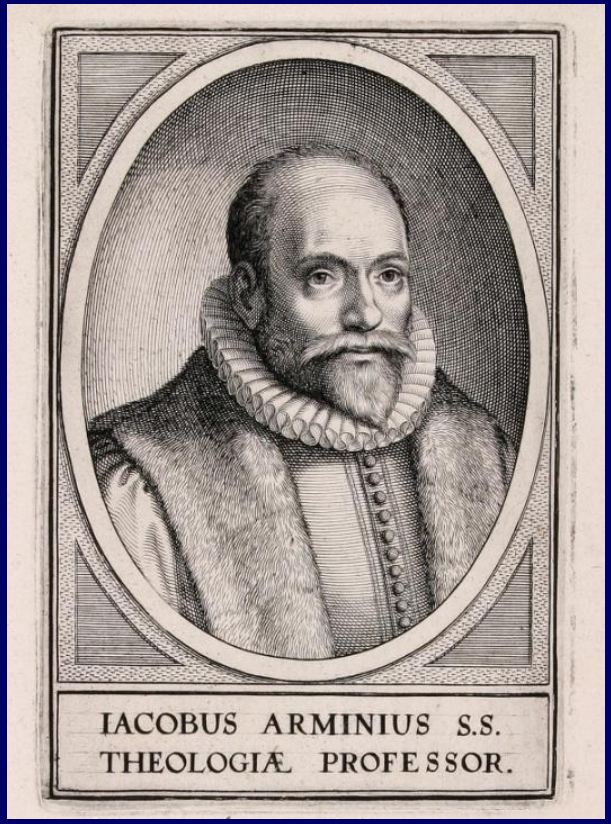
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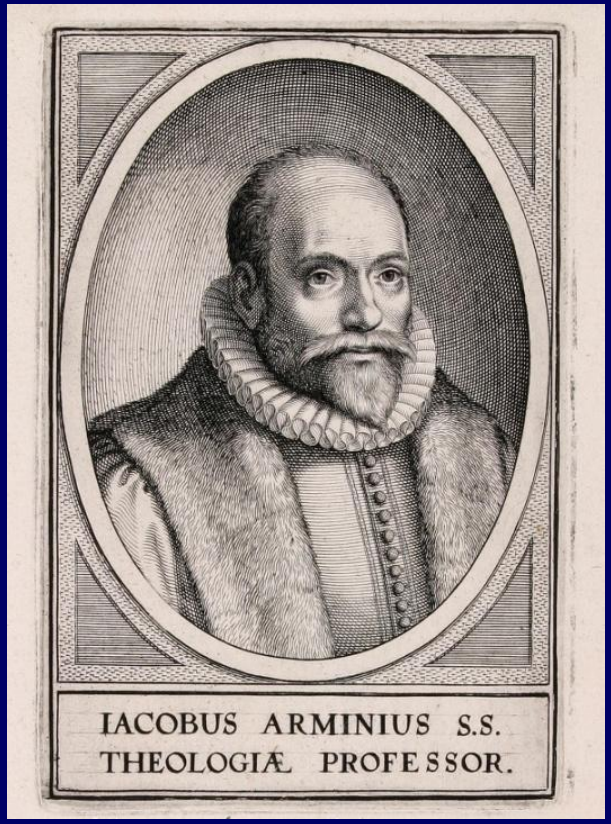
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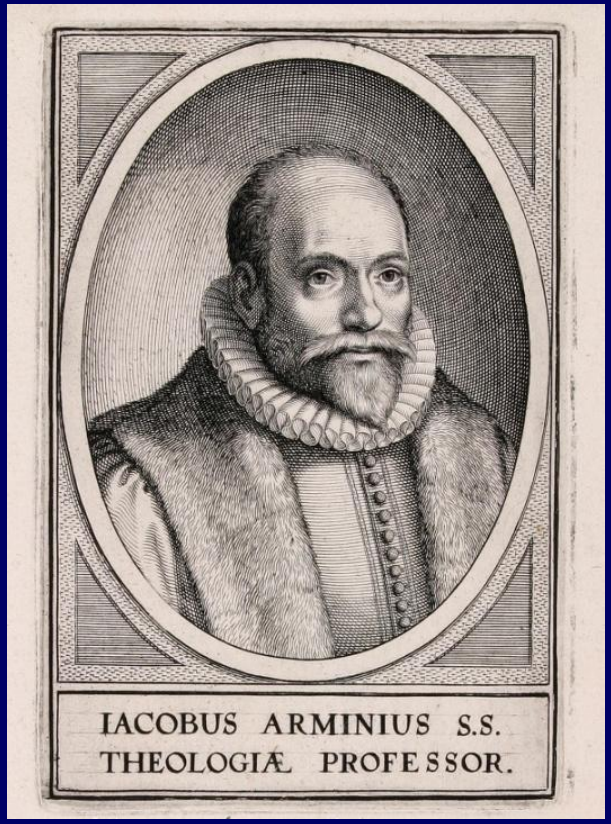
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Problem Passages in the Gospel of John Part II: Untrustworthy Believers—John 2:23-25



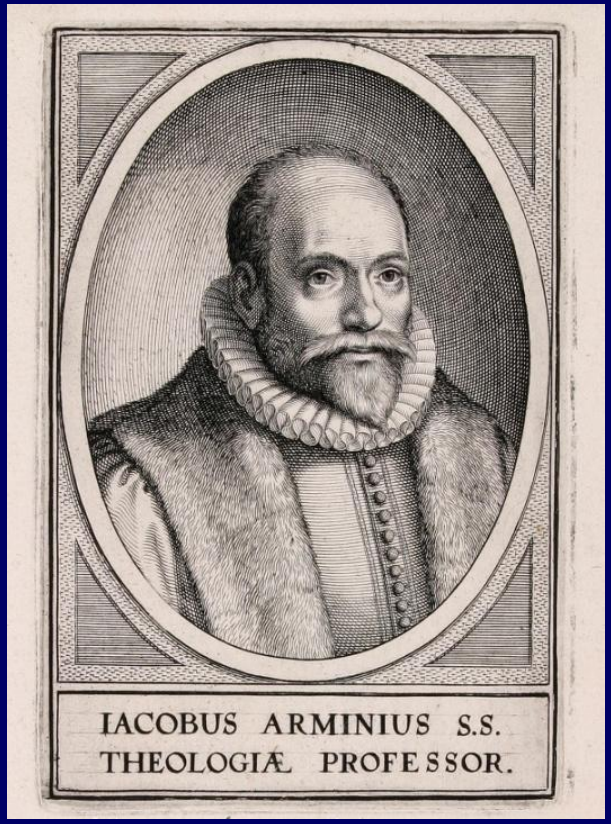
William Hendriksen

"Many trusted in his name; i.e., because of the manner in which his power was displayed they accepted him as a great prophet and perhaps even as the Messiah. This, however, is not the same as saying that they surrendered their hearts to him. ***Not all faith is saving faith***..."

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Matt. 10:32-33 (NASB)

“Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.”



Matthew and the Kingdom



- Kingdom predicted (Isa 11:6-9)
- **Kingdom offered (Matt. 3:2; 4:17; 10:5-7)**
- Kingdom rejected (Matt. 12:24)
- Kingdom postponed (Matt. 13)
- Interim program? (Matt. 16:18; 28:18-20)
- Kingdom ultimately accepted (Matt. 24:14; 25:31)

Toussaint, *Behold the King*, 18-20

MESSENGERS OF THE KINGDOM



- John the Baptist – 3:2
- Jesus Christ – 4:17
- 12 Apostles – 10:5, 7

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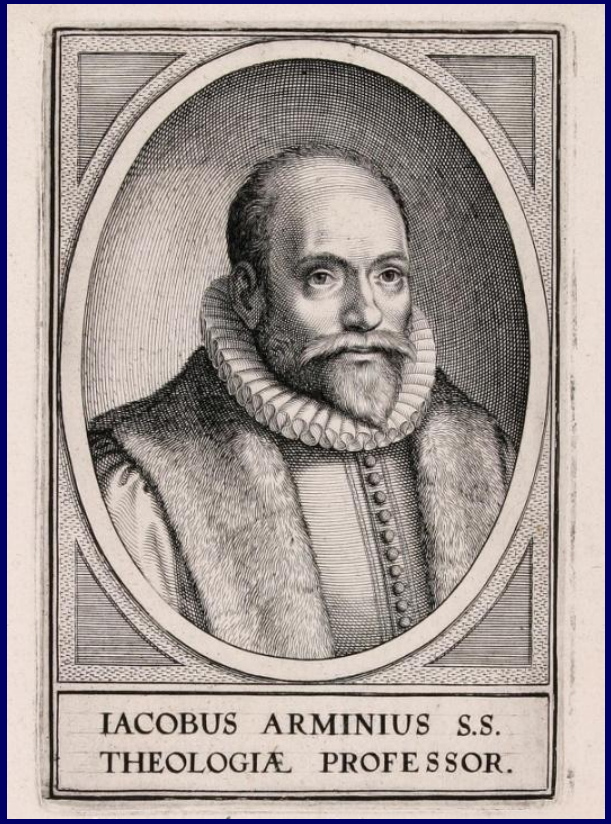
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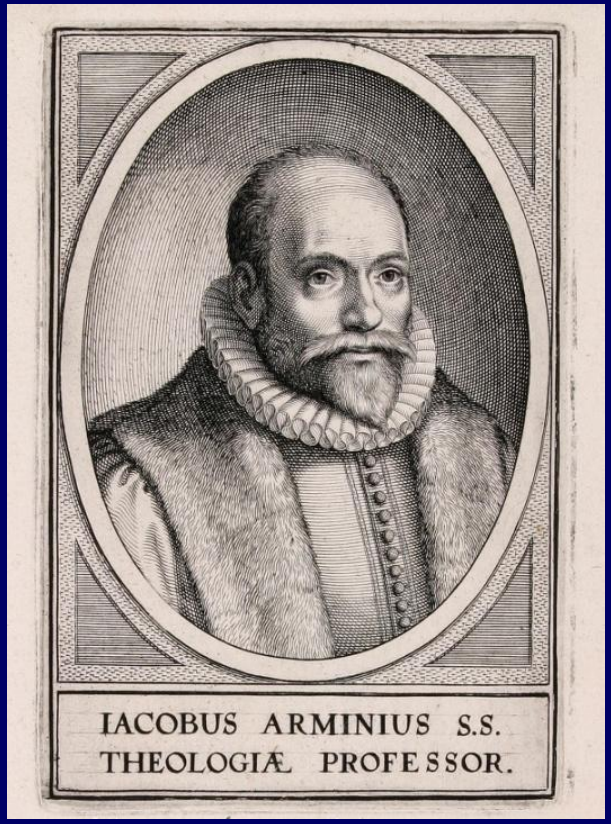
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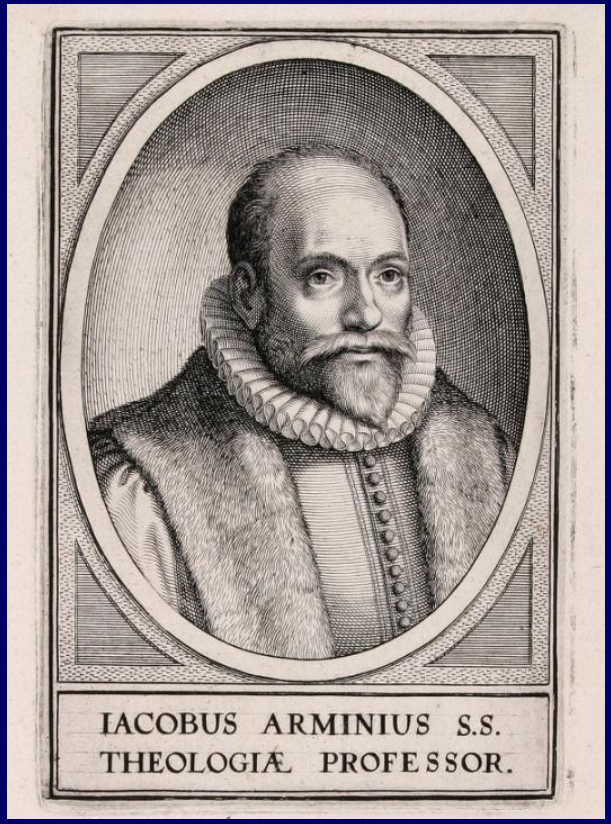
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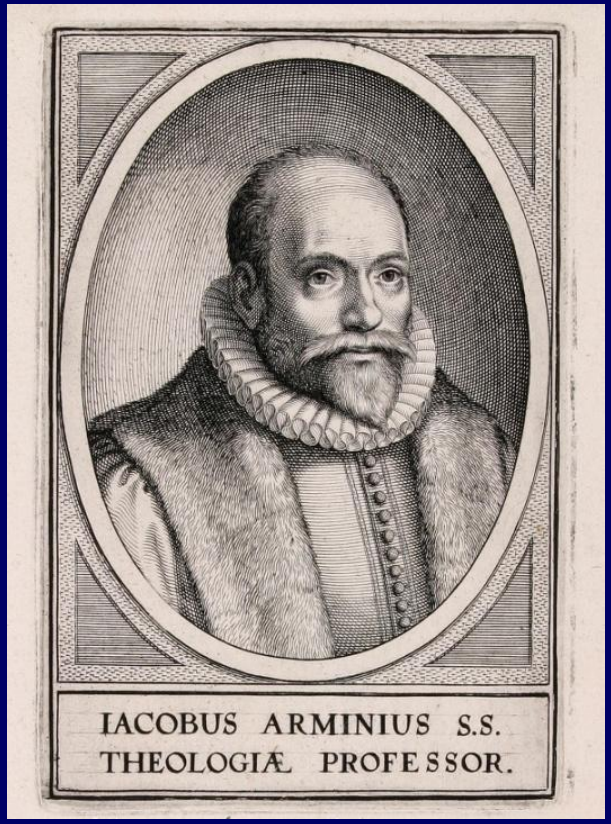


Origin of the Universal Church

- Matt 16:18 – future tense
- Eph 2:14-15; 3:9; Rom 16:25-26; Col 1:26-27 – mystery
- Eph 1:20-22 – Christ's headship over church after Ascension
- Eph 4:7-11 – spiritual gifts after Ascension
- 1 Cor. 12:13 – Spirit's baptizing ministry
  - Acts 1:5 – above to begin after Ascension
  - Acts 11:15-16 – above began in the past
  - Acts 2 – only place for beginning of Spirit's baptizing ministry

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Angelic Salvation?

"Because the angels are a company and not a race, they sinned *individually*, and not in some federal head of the race [as was true with humanity's fall in the person of Adam]. It may be that because of this that God made no provision of salvation for the fallen angels."

Thiessen, *Lectures in ST*, 134 (emphasis and insertion added)

Human vs. Angelic Accountability

Humans	Fallen Angels
	
Sinned as a class (Rom 5:12)	Sinned individually
Sin nature	No sin nature
Did not stand in God's glory	Stood in God's glory

CONCLUSION

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