Soteriology

Session 39



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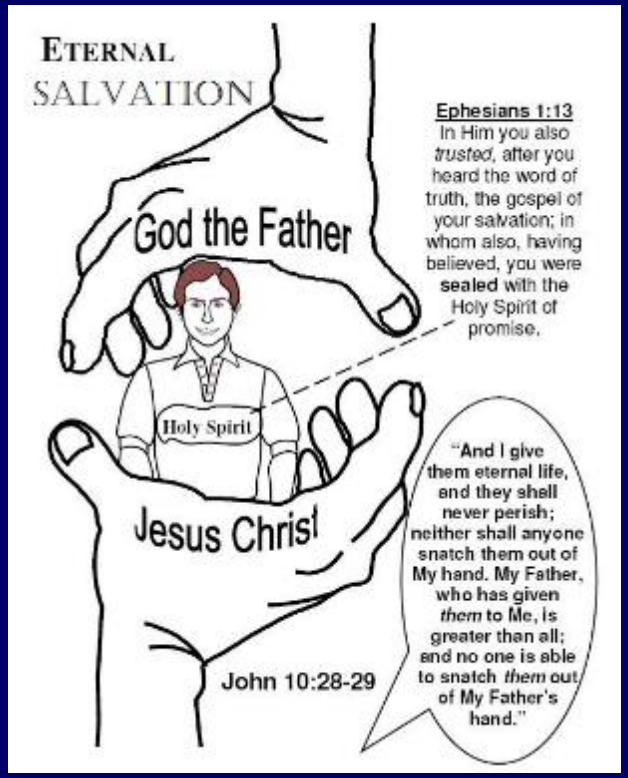


Definition of Eternal Security

"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

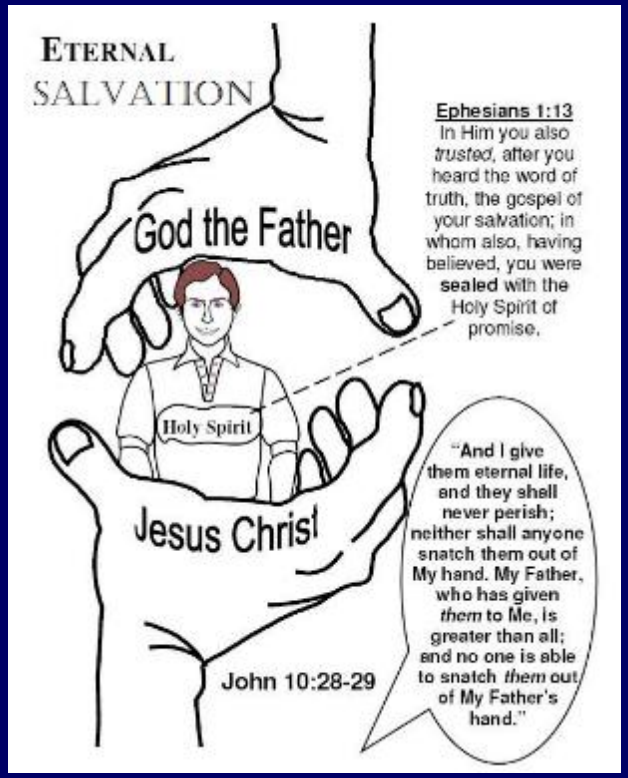
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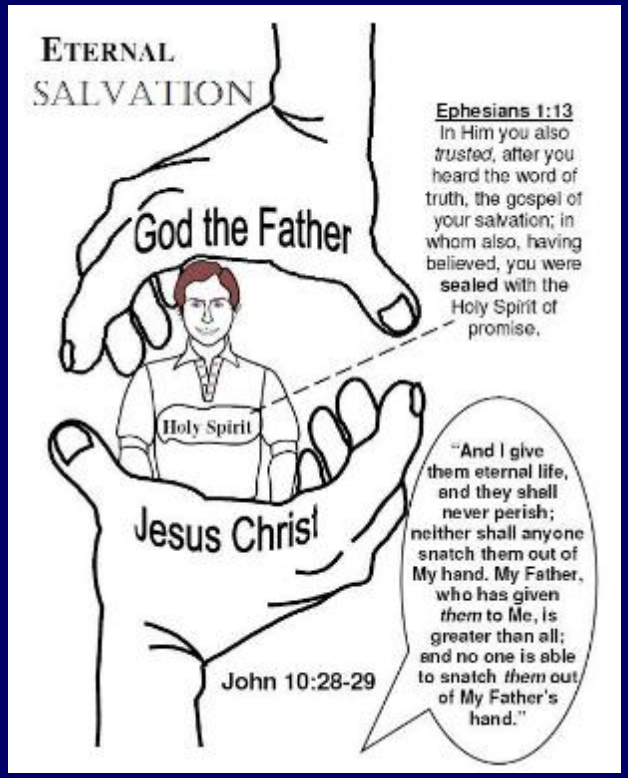
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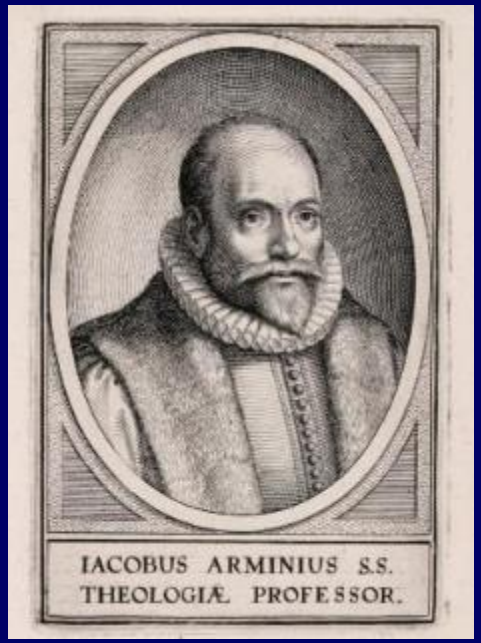
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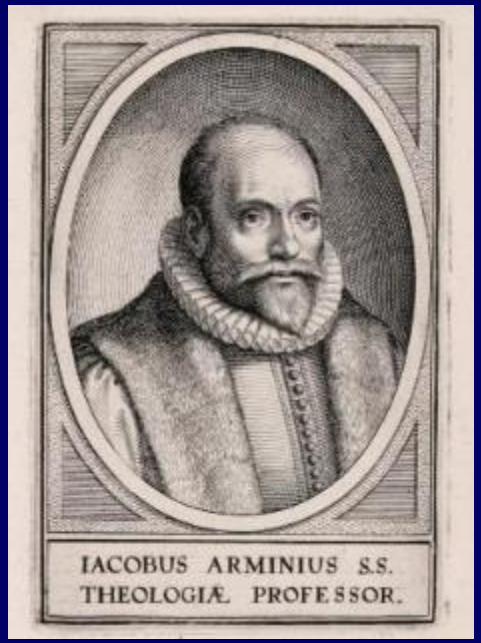
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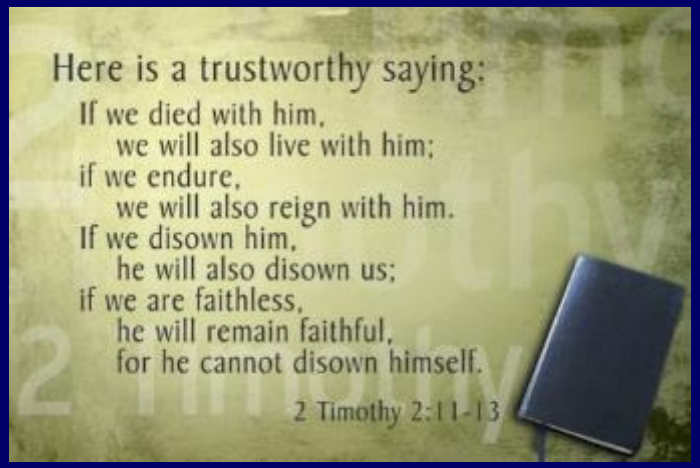
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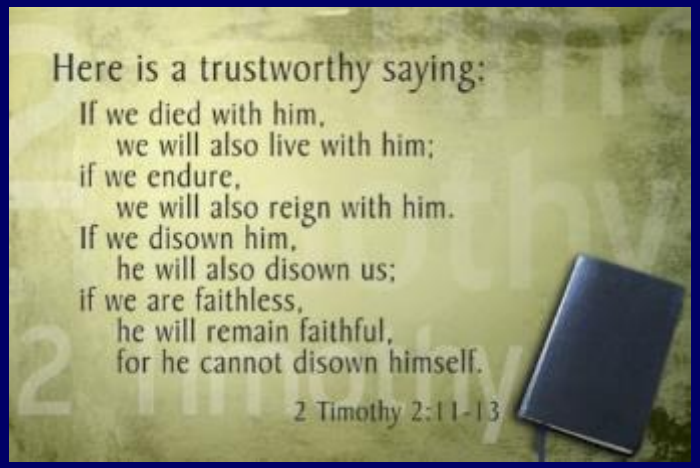
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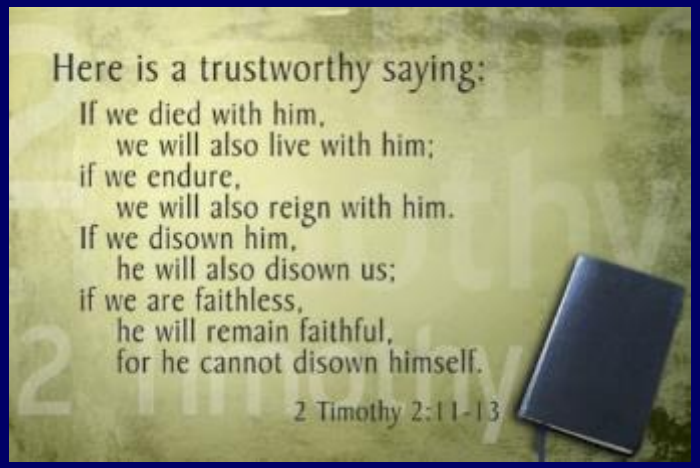
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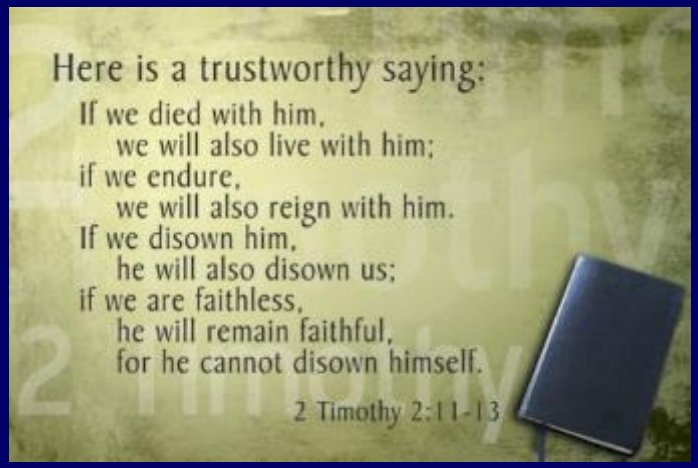
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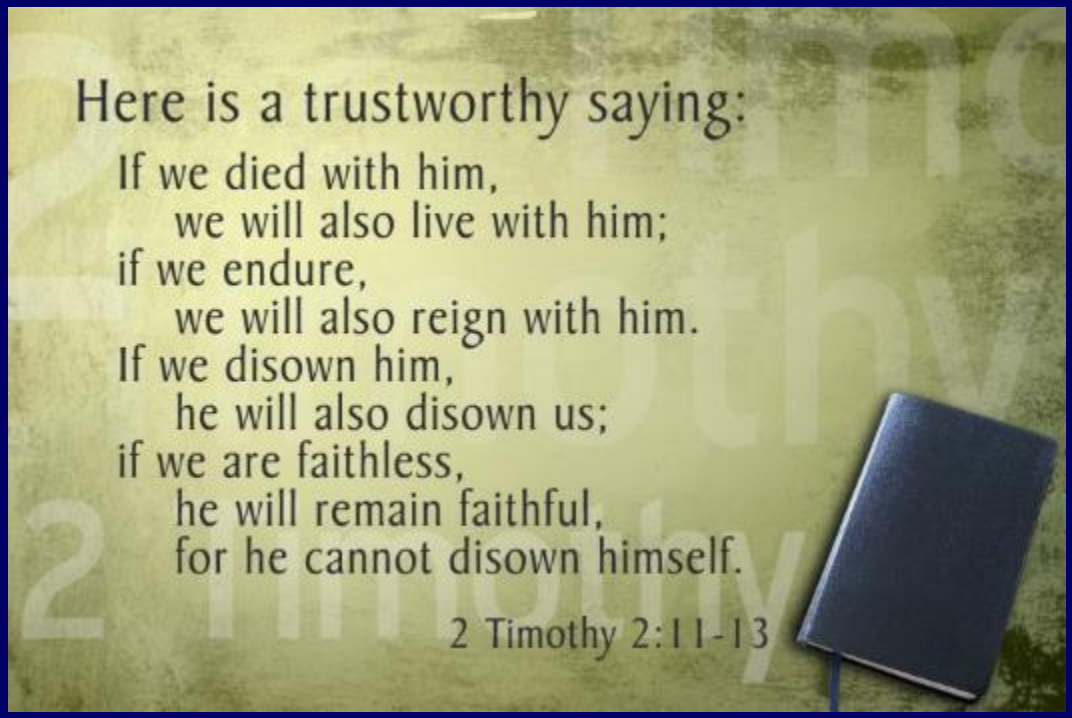
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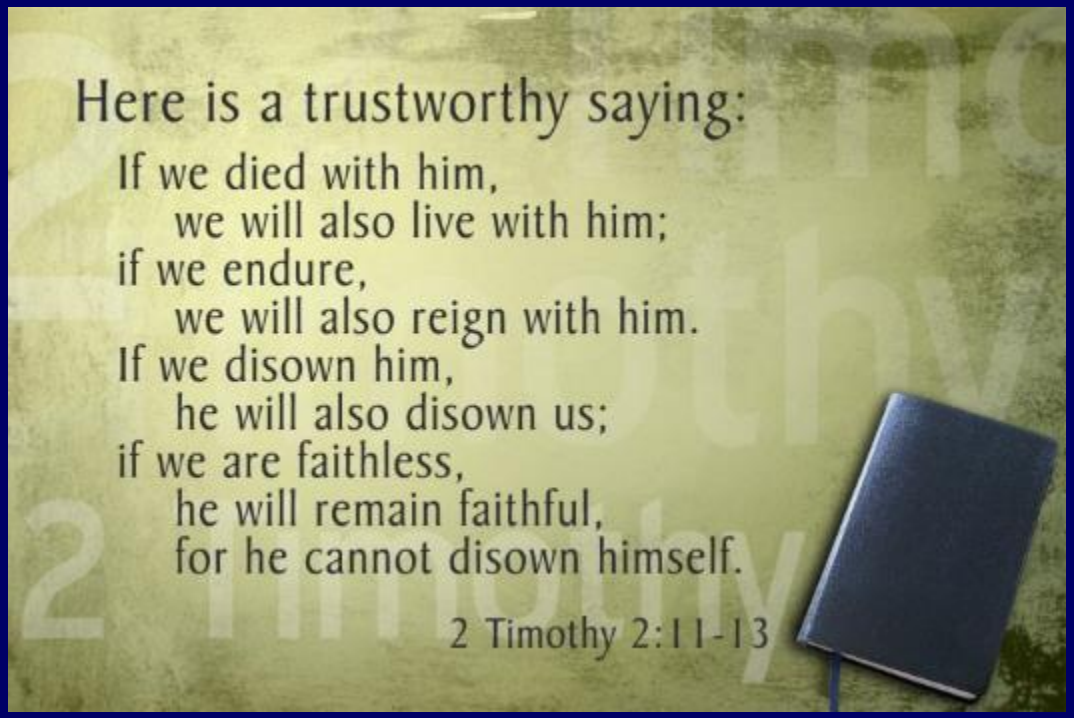
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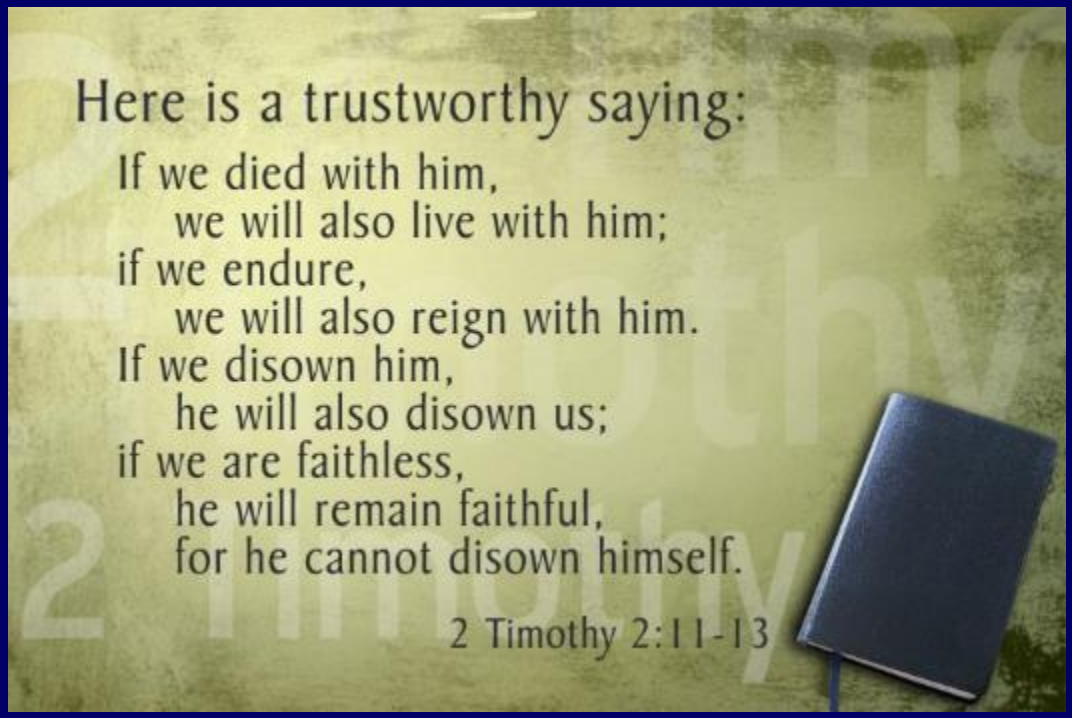
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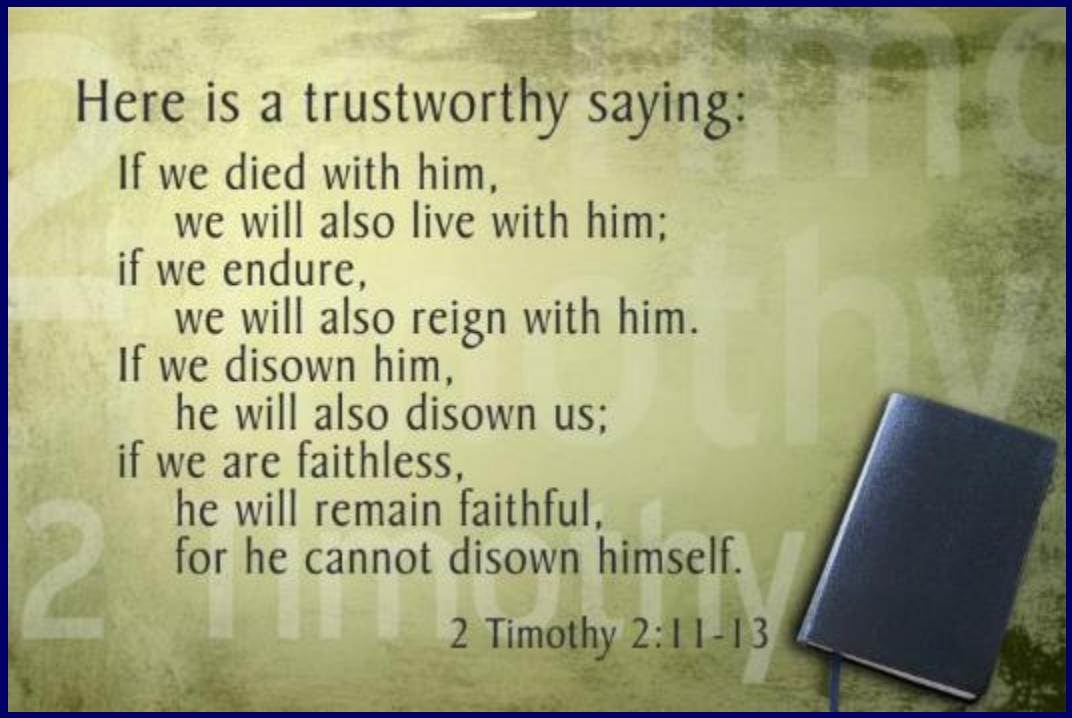
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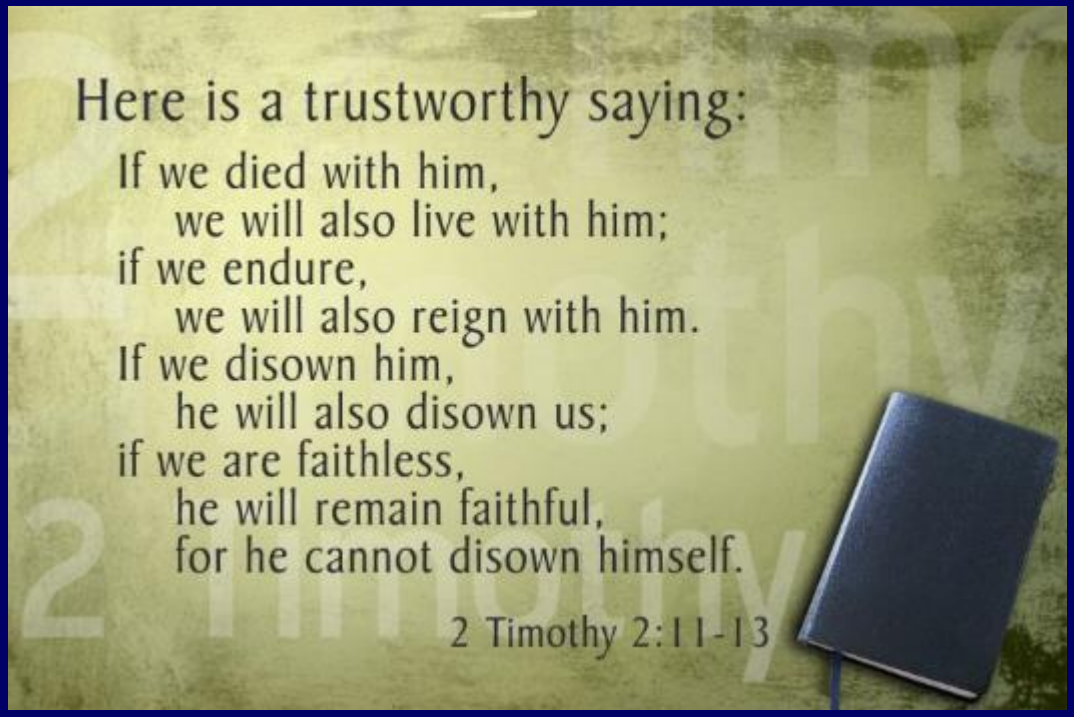
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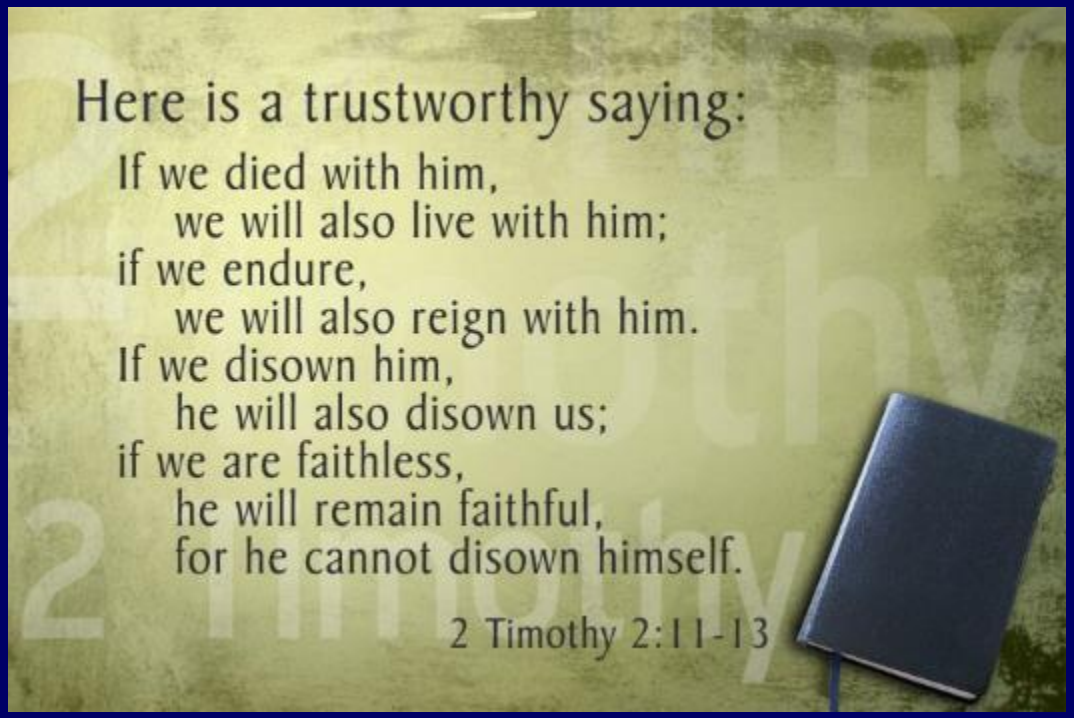
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Scripture's Four Judgments

Name	Sheep and Goat	Judgment of the Jews	**Bema Seat**	Great White Throne
Scripture	Matt 25:31-46	Ezek 20:33-44	**1 Cor 3:10-15**	Rev 20:11-15
Place	Earth, Jerusalem	Earth, wilderness	**Heaven**	Earth
Audience	Gentile Tribulation survivors	Jewish Tribulation survivors	**Church Age believers**	All unsaved
When	After Tribulation	After Tribulation	**After rapture**	After Millennium
Purpose	Saved Gentiles enter kingdom	Saved Jews enter kingdom	**Reward believers**	Degree of punishment in hell
Evaluation	Treatment of Christ's brethren	Passing under shepherd's rod	**Works taken through fire**	Not in the book; judged by books

Scripture's Five Crowns

(Rev 4:10: 3:11; 2 John 8)

Scripture	Crown	Purpose
1 Cor. 9:24-27	Incorruptible	Gaining mastery over the flesh
1 Thess. 2:19-20	Rejoicing	Soul winning
Jas. 1:12; Rev. 2:10	Life	Enduring trials
1 Pet. 5:2-4	Glory	Shepherding God's people
2 Tim. 4:8	Righteousness	Longing for His appearing

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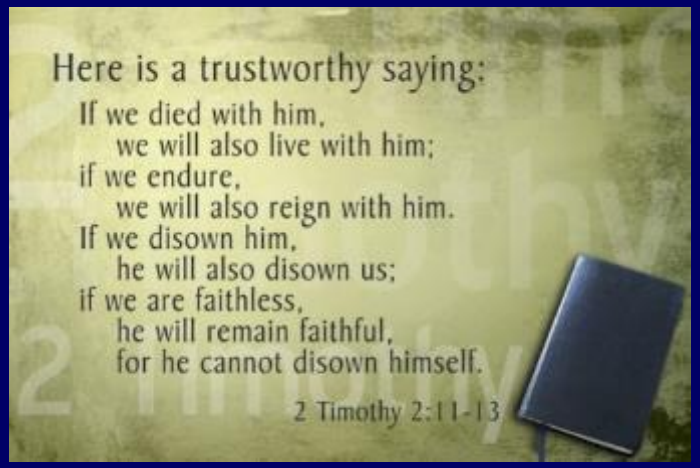


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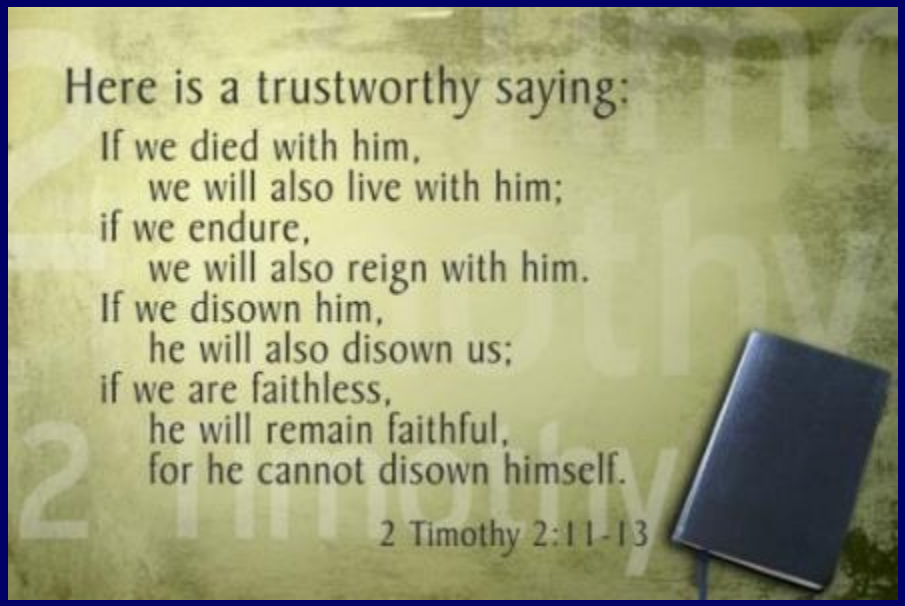
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2 Timothy 2:13

- Christ will never renege on his initial promise of granting the believer the gift of eternal life
- *apisteō*
  - Unfaithful
  - Faithless (Jas. 1:5-8)



John 5:24 (NASB)

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and **believes Him** who sent Me, **has eternal life**, and does not come into judgment, but **has passed out** of death into life."



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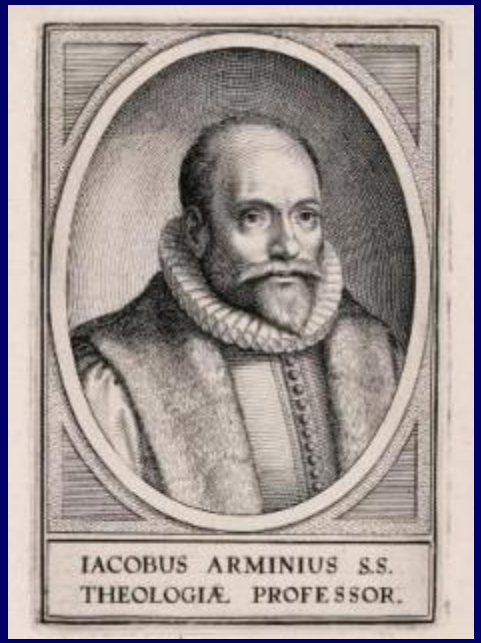
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James 5:19-20 (NASB)

“19 My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back, 20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will **save his soul from death** and will cover a multitude of sins.”



James 5:19-20

- Sin brings death – Rom. 6:23; Jas. 1:14-15
- Maximum divine discipline – Acts 5:1-11; 1 Cor. 11:30; 1 John 5:16; Rev. 2:22-23
- Temporal death
  - Jewish audience-Jas. 1:1
  - Covenant curses Deut. 28:15-68
  - Proverbs 2:18; 5:5; 14:12; 21:16
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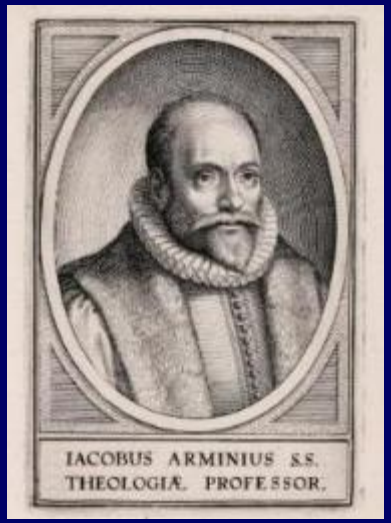
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"[6] but Christ *was faithful* as a Son over His house—whose house we are, **if** we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end...[14]For we have become partakers of Christ, **if** we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end."



Hebrews 3:6, 14

- Not an admonition to stay saved or prove one was saved to begin with
- Believing audience – Heb. 3:1
- Exhortation not to drift back into Judaism so as to avoid:
  - Immaturity – Heb. 5:11-14
  - Loss of rewards
  - Divine discipline – Heb. 12:5-11
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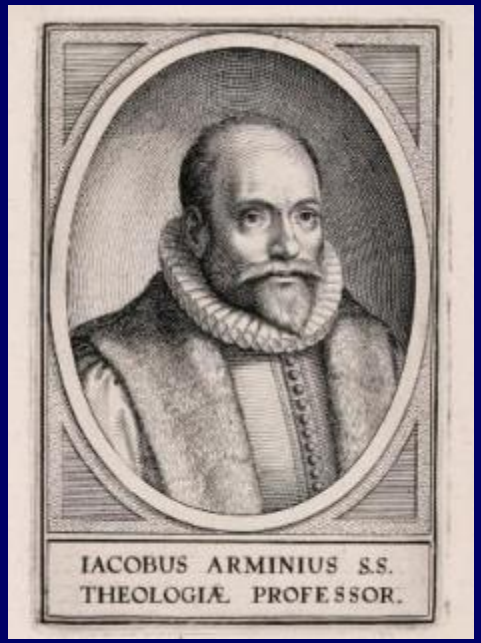
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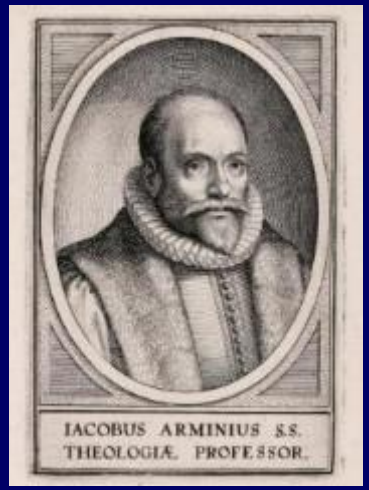
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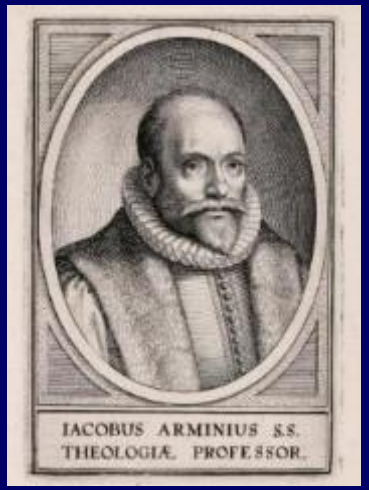
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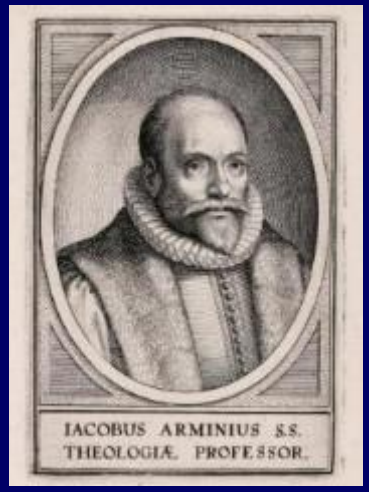
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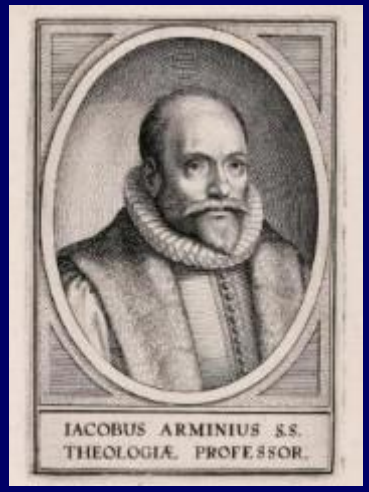
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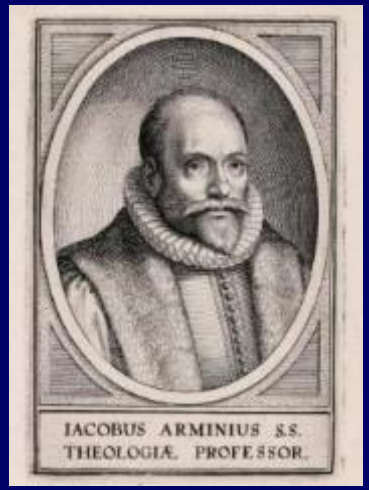
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"Does the phrase "them that obey Him" (Heb. 5:9) suggest that, if we do not obey Him, we may lose that eternal salvation? To "obey God" is the same as "to trust God," as "them that obey Him" is a description of those who have put their faith in Jesus Christ. "A great company of the priests were obedient to the faith" (Acts 6:7). "But they have not all obeyed the Gospel" (Rom. 10:16). "Ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth" (1 Peter 1:22). Once we have put our faith in Jesus Christ, and thus obeyed His call, we experience His eternal salvation."

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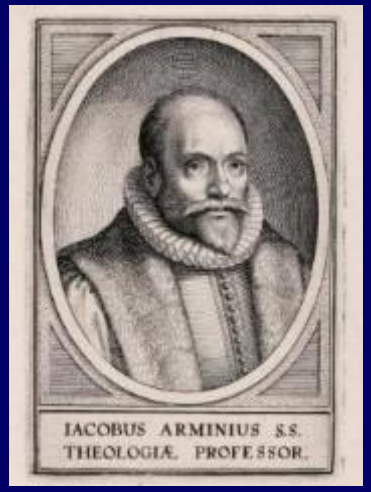
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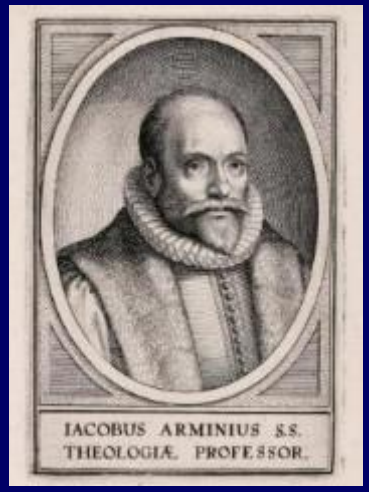
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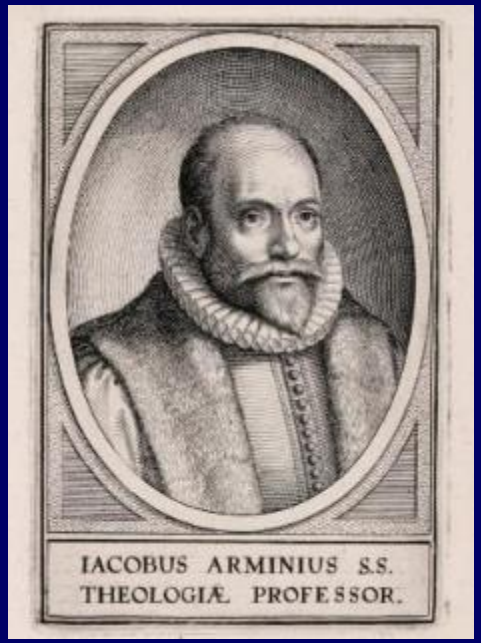
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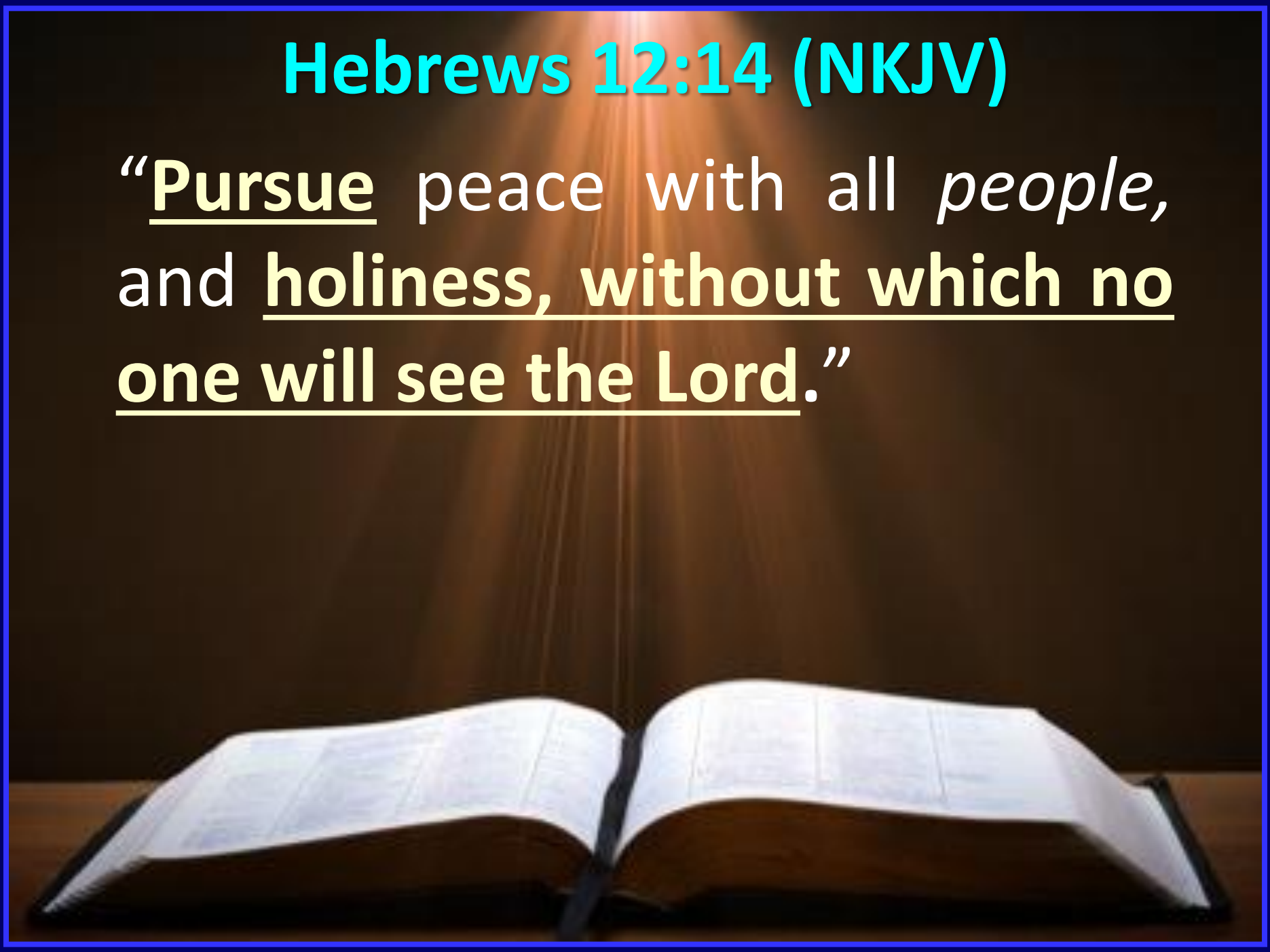
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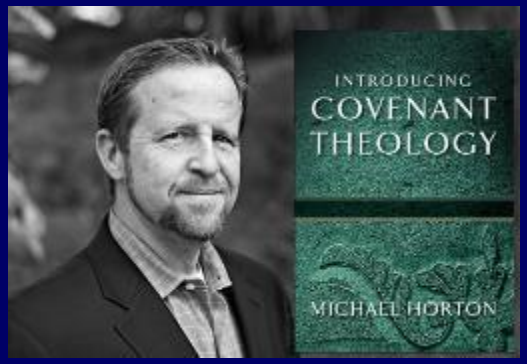
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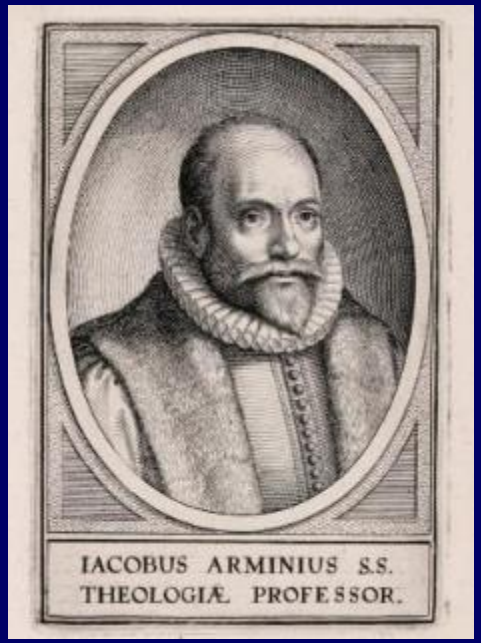
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