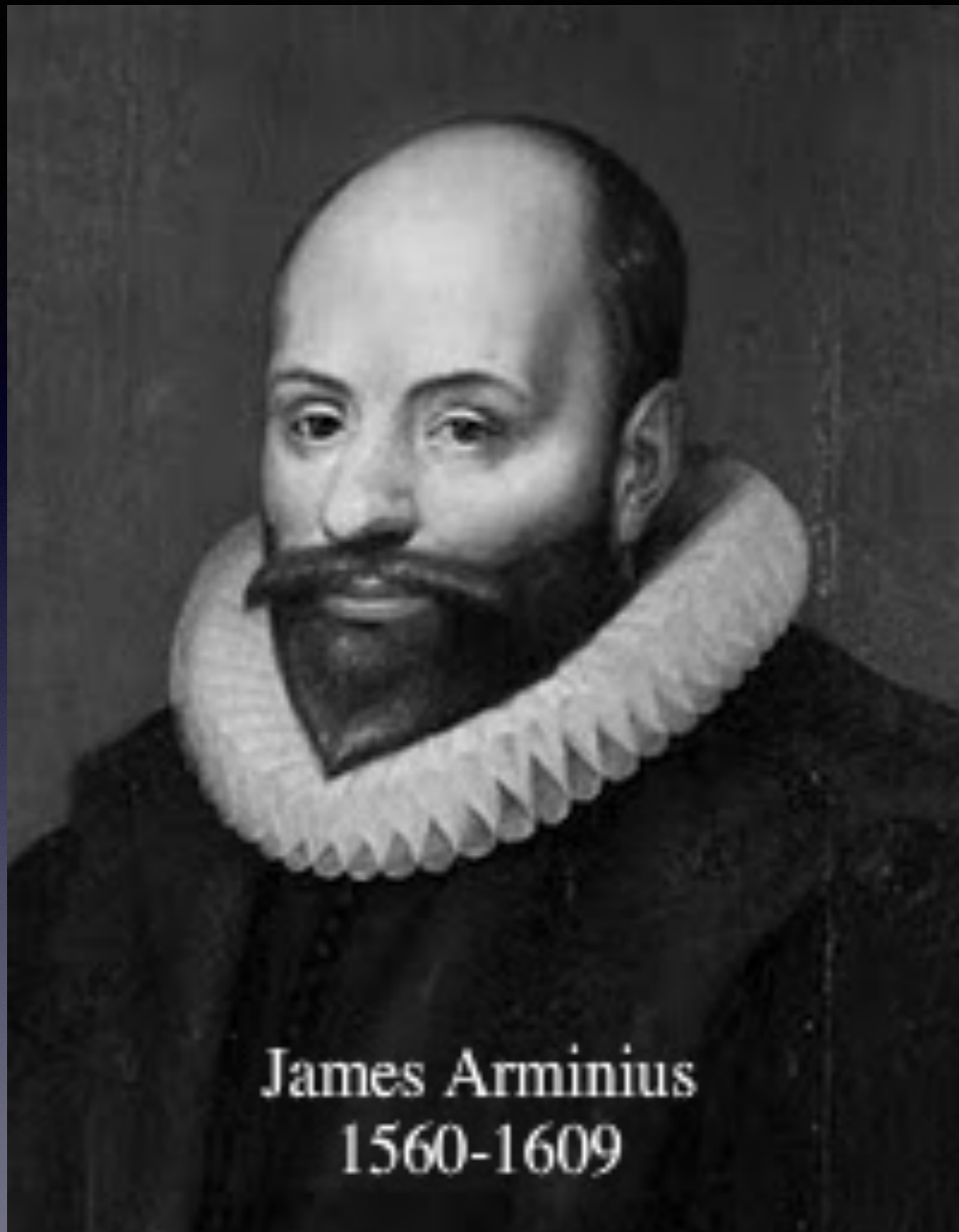


Arminian Theology

What is it?

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- It has nothing to do with “Armenia”.
- Like “Calvinism” it is used to explain how God saves people.
- Opposite “Calvinism”.



James Arminius
1560-1609

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Unlimited Atonement

- The effects of the “atonement” are freely available to all those whom He has chosen, which includes all humanity, “whosoever will”.

1. God desires the Salvation of Everyone.

- God has opened the door for all to find “salvation”.
- It is termed “Universal Salvation” (not “Universalism”).
- Jesus died for the sins of the “Whole World”.

2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV Strong's,)

9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that *all* should come to repentance.

1 Timothy 2:3-4
(NKJV Strong's,)

3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires *all men* to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Total Depravity (Deprivation)

- Human beings are sinful and without God, incapable (deprived) on their own of being righteous; however they are not irredeemably sinful and can be transformed by God's Grace.
- God's "provenient Grace" restores to humanity the freedom of will.

2. Every person can accept or reject Jesus.

- This is the “opposite of Calvinism” which teaches that “only the elect” can come to Salvation.

Acts 17:30-31
(NKJV Strong's,)

30 Truly, these times of ignorance
God overlooked, **but now**
commands all men everywhere to
repent, 31 because He has
appointed a day on which He will
judge the world in righteousness by
the Man whom He has ordained.
He has given assurance of this to
all by raising Him from the dead.”

John 20:30-31
(NKJV Strong's,)

30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written **that you may believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

Romans 5:18
(NKJV Strong's,)

18 Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift **came to all men**, resulting in justification of life.

3. Resistible (Prevenient) Grace

- God's Grace is "free" and offered "without merit", however, human beings have been granted freedom from God and can refuse His Grace.

Resistible (Prevenient) Grace

- God has given enough grace to everyone to receive Jesus.
- “Prevenient Grace” answers the question of how can sinners, lost in sin and blind find God.

"Does not the Methodist hold as firmly as ever we do, that man is saved by the operation of the Holy Spirit and only the Holy Spirit?"

[...] the old Arminian standards said the same.

True, they affirm that God has given grace to every man, but they do not dispute the fact, that apart from that grace, there was no ability in man to do that which was good in his own salvation."



C. H. Spurgeon

Titus 2:11

(NKJV Strong's,)

11 For the grace of
God that brings
salvation has
appeared to all men,

Acts 17:26-28
(NKJV Strong's,)

26 And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, 27 so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; 28 for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'

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Election

- **Calvinism** - Before the foundation of the world, God unconditionally chose some to be saved. Election has nothing to do with man's future response.
- **Arminianism** - Election is based on God's foreknowledge of those who would believe in him through faith. In other words, God elected those who would choose him of their own free will. Conditional election is based on man's response.

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Romans 8:29-30
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29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30

Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

- Not that God chose “who” would be saved but rather “predestined” (how) His plan of Salvation.
- And revealed a His plan and will for those who would receive Him.

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5. Security in Christ

- While Calvinism takes the position of the “perseverance of the saints” as the evidence of salvation, the Ariminian view holds the “perseverance of some saints”.
- The possibility of “losing ones salvation”.
- It depends upon the Believer to keep themselves in a state of grace by keeping up their faith. Those who fail fall away and are lost.

Security in Christ

- Not that you can lose your salvation through “too much sin”.
- But a “willful” rejection of Jesus.

Hebrews 6:4-6
(NKJV Strong's,)

4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

Hebrews 6:7-9
(NKJV Strong's,)

7 For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God; 8 but if it bears thorns and briers, it is rejected and near to being cursed, whose end is to be burned. 9 But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner.

Hebrews 10:26-28
(NKJV Strong's,)

26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. 28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

Hebrews 10:29-31
(NKJV Strong's,)

29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, **counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?** 30 For we know Him who said, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. And again, “The Lord will judge His people.” 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Romans 11:22
(NKJV Strong's,)

22 Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, **if you continue in His goodness.** **Otherwise you also will be cut off.**

Colossians 1:21-23
(NKJV Strong's,)

21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled 22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight— 23 **if indeed you continue in the faith,** grounded and steadfast, **and are not moved away** from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Sin Unto Death

1 John 5:16-17
(NKJV Strong's,)

16 If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not leading to death. There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that. 17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death.

Turning Back A Brother

James 5:19-20
(NKJV Strong's,)

19 Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, 20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

6. God's Sovereignty

- Arminist have a different view of God's Sovereignty.
- Calvinist may emphasize God's Sovereignty (or overemphasize it). Arminist just see it differently.

God's Sovereignty

- Ex. God determined the conditions for Salvation. It was His “sovereign choice”.
- God determine that humans would be saved through faith in Christ.
- And in “choosing that” He knew that many people would choose to reject Him and spend eternity away from Him.

- Ex. #2: Creating humans with free will.
- God “Sovereignly” chose to create us with “free will”.
- In fact, God **Sovereignly** **chose** to create anything at all.

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