


**Soteriology**  
Session 30



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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. Eternal security
- VIII. Faulty views of salvation

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**Soteriology Overview**

**This Session**

VII. Eternal Security




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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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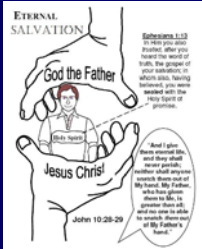
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2. Response to problem passages



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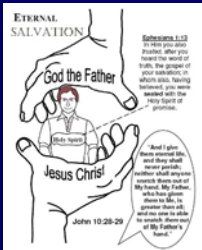
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### Evidence for Eternal Security

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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### Evidence for Eternal Security

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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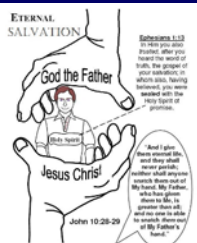
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**ETERNAL SALVATION**

God the Father

Jesus Christ

John 10:28-29

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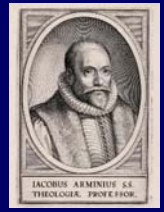
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Introduction

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




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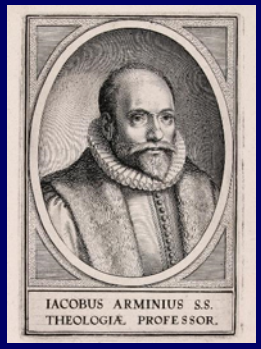
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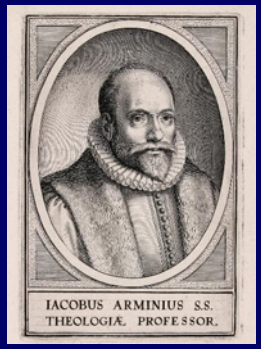
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6. Passages from James
7. Passages from Hebrews
8. Passages from 2 Peter
9. Passages from 1 John
10. Passages from Revelation
11. Miscellaneous argument




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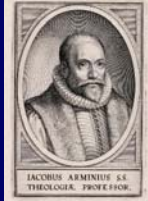
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**1. OT Passages**

- a. Adam & Eve (Gen. 1-3)
- b. Nadab & Abihu (Lev. 10:1-2)
- c. Korah's rebellion (Num. 16)
- d. Joshua 24:20
- e. Saul (1 Sam. 16:14; 28; 1 Chron. 10:13-14)
- f. Solomon (1 Kgs. 11)
- g. David (Ps. 51:11)
- h. Ezekiel 18:20



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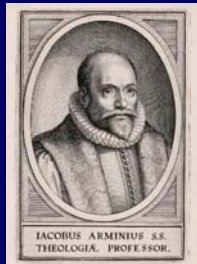
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**Matt. 7:21-23 (NASB)**

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' <sup>23</sup> And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'"



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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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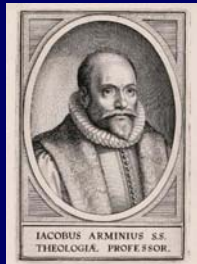
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### Matt. 8:11-12 (NASB)

“I say to you that many will come from east and west, and recline *at the table* with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven; <sup>12</sup> but the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”



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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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### 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.”




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### 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

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### MESSENGERS OF THE KINGDOM



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

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### Matthew 10:5-7 (NASB)

“These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them: “Do not go in *the* way of *the* Gentiles, and do not enter *any* city of the Samaritans; <sup>6</sup> but rather go to the lost sheep of the **house of Israel**. <sup>7</sup> And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”




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# CONCLUSION

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