


Soteriology
Session 34



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Soteriology Overview

- I. Definition
- II. Election
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- IV. Salvation words
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VII. Eternal Security



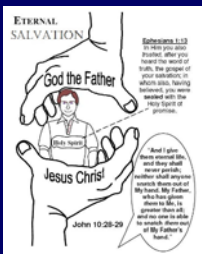


Definition of Eternal Security

“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

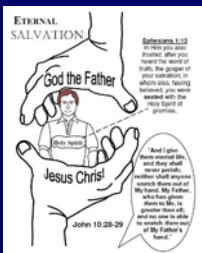
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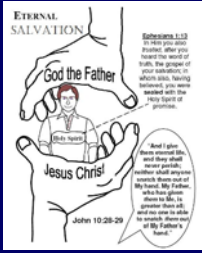
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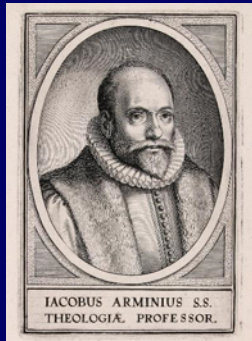


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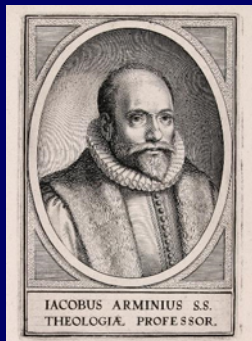
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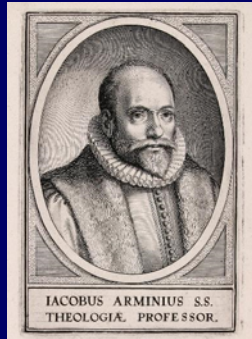
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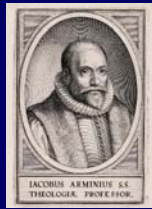
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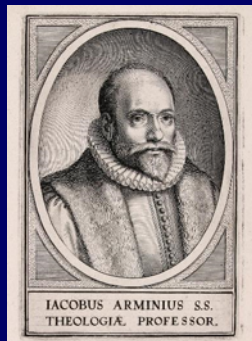
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- a. Adam & Eve (Gen. 1-3)
- b. Nadab & Abihu (Lev. 10:1-2)
- c. Korah's rebellion (Num. 16)
- d. Joshua 24:20
- e. Saul (1 Sam. 16:14; 28; 1 Chron. 10:13-14)
- f. Solomon (1 Kgs. 11)
- g. David (Ps. 51:11)
- h. Ezekiel 18:20



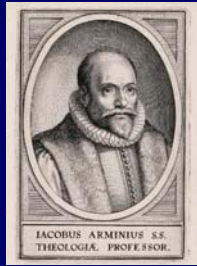
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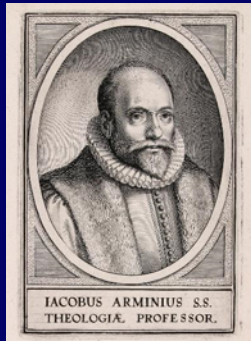
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- a. Matt. 6:14-15
- b. Matt. 7:21-23
- c. Matt. 8:11-12; 25:30
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- f. Matt. 24:13
- g. Matt. 25:41



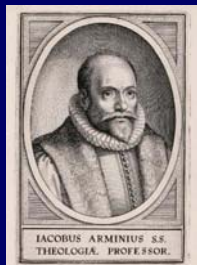
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3. Passages From John's Gospel

- a. John 6:66
- b. John 15:6
- c. John 20:30-31



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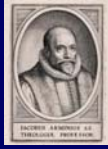
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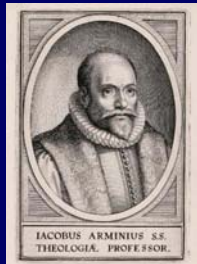


- 1. Ananias and Sapphira were believers
 - a. In church (vs. 11)
 - b. Believers can be influenced by Satan (Matt. 16:21-23; Eph. 4:26-27; Acts 5:3)
- 2. Divine discipline (Heb. 12:5-11; Rev. 3:19)
- 3. Maximum divine discipline (1 Cor. 11:30; 1 John 5:19; Rev. 2:22-23)
- 4. Necessary practical purification of the church in its infant form (vs. 11; Rev. 2:23)

4. Passages From Acts

a. Acts 5:1-11

b. Acts 8:5-25



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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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Acts 8:12-13 (NASB)

“But when they **believed** Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being **baptized**, men and women alike. Even Simon himself **believed**; and after being **baptized**, he continued on with Philip, and as he observed signs and great miracles taking place, he was constantly amazed.”



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- 4. Arminianism – loss of salvation?
- 5. Describing a new believer who just came out of the **occult** (9-11) with no time for **progressive sanctification**
- 6. Answering the negative descriptors
 - a. Coveting (18-19)? – Simon the first? Philip 1:14-17
 - b. Perishing (20)?
 - 1) John 3:16
 - 2) Silver perish (20)
 - 3) Temporal: reward, ministry, testimony, discipline (Acts 5:1-11), etc...

b. Acts 8:5-25

- 7. Answering the negative descriptors
 - a. No portion (21)? Temporal: reward, ministry, testimony, discipline, etc...
 - b. Heart not right (21)? Ps. 51:10; 66:18
 - c. In need of forgiveness (22)? 1 John 1:9; 2:1
 - d. Bitterness (23)? Eph. 4:26-27,30-32
 - e. In bondage (25)? Rom. 6:16

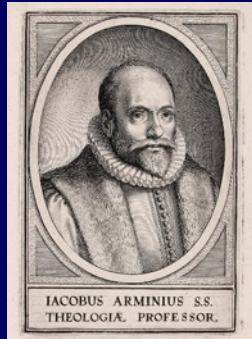
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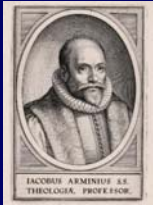


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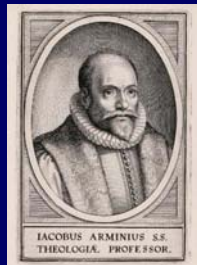


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| a. Gal. 5:4 |  | h. 2 Cor. 13:5 |
| b. Gal. 5:19-21 | | i. Gal. 5:19-21 |
| c. Rom. 8:13 | | j. Philip. 2:12 |
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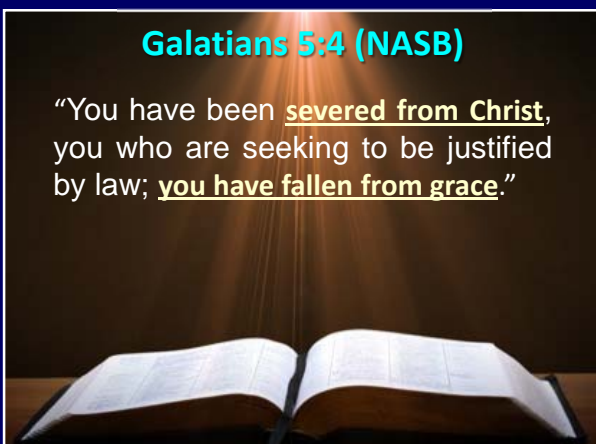
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Galatians 5:4 (NASB)

“You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.”




a. Galatians 5:4



1. The Galatians were believers (4:6; 5:16)
2. Three types of Pharisees
3. Galatians is a spiritual life book (3:3)
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Galatians 4:6 (NASB)

“Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”




Galatians 5:16 (NASB)

“But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.”




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Types of Pharisees	
Type	Overthrown
Justification	Matt 5:20
Sanctification	Galatians
Ecclesiology	Acts 15



The Pharisee

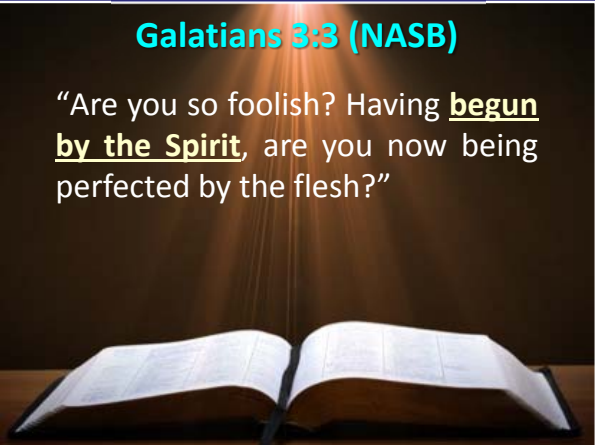
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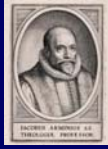


Galatians 3:3 (NASB)

“Are you so foolish? Having **begun by the Spirit**, are you now being perfected by the flesh?”



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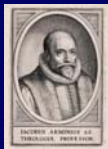


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Three Tenses of Salvation

Phase	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Tense	Past	Present	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	Power	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	Philip 2:12	Rom 5:10

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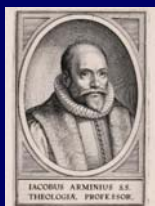
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