


# Soteriology

Session 38



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

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SALVATION**

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**John 18:28-29**

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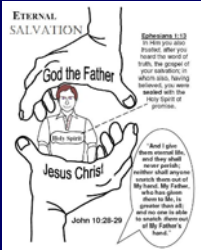
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Eternal Security Outline



- 1. Eternal security arguments
- 2. Response to problem passages



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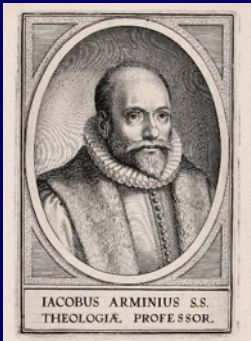
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Response to Problem Passages

- 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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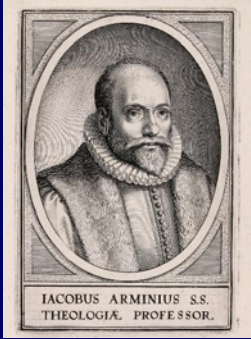
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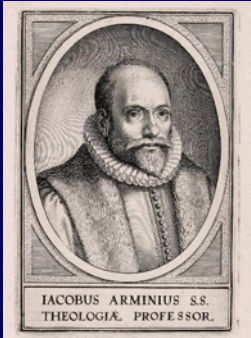
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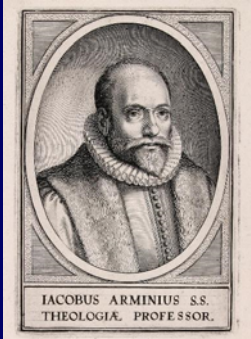
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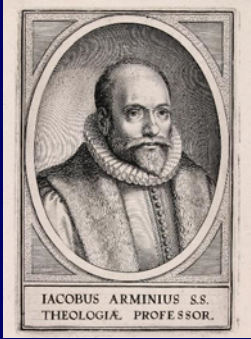
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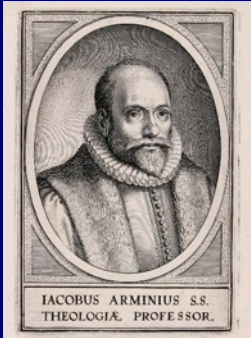
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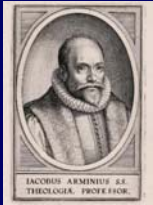
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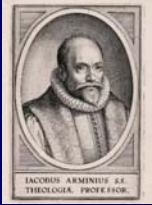
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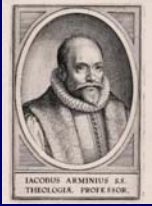
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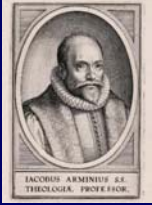
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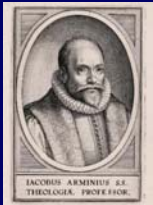
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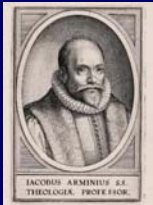
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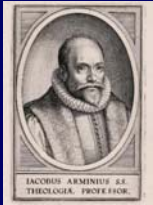
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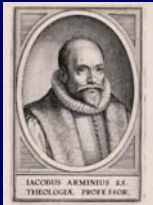
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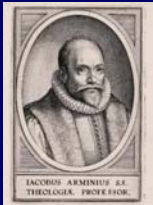
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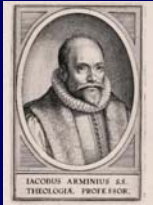
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**Philippians 2:12 (NASB)**

“So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling.”



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Philippians 2:12

- Middle tense of salvation
- Immediate context – Philippians 2:14-16
- Overall context – Philippians 4:2-3

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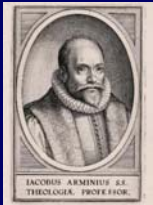
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Colossians 1:23 (NASB)

“if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.”



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Colossians 1:23

- Believing audience – Col. 1:2, 4, 5, 6, 14, 15
- Paul desires their continued maturity so that they will have a favorable ruling at the future judgment seat of rewards – Col. 1:22, 28
- For this to occur they must continue on in the faith despite the inroads of false doctrine – Col. 2:8, 16-23
- First class condition “if” (23) assumes that they will persevere
- Their ultimate salvation is not in doubt
- Ongoing growth would require perseverance in the faith

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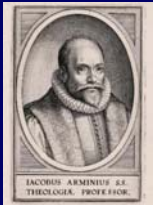
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1 Timothy 5:15 (NASB)

"for some have already turned aside to follow Satan."



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1 Timothy 5:15

- Believing, younger church widows (1 Tim. 5:11-15)
- Connection between Satan & his world system (John 12:31; Eph. 2:2)
- World referred to as Satan (1 Cor. 5:5; 1 Tim. 1:20; 5:15)
- Warning against worldliness rather than loss of salvation (Heb. 11:25; 1 John 2:15-17; Jas. 4:4)

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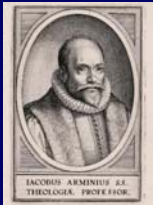
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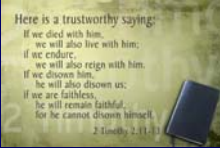
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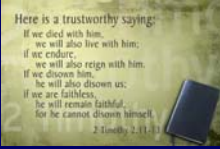
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Scripture's Four Judgments				
Name	Sheep and Goat	Judgment of the Jews	<u>Bema Seat</u>	Great White Throne
Scripture	Matt 25:31-46	Ezek 20:33-44	<u>1 Cor 3:10-15</u>	Rev 20:11-15
Place	Earth, Jerusalem	Earth, wilderness	<u>Heaven</u>	Earth
Audience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

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Scripture's Five Crowns		
(Rev 4:10; 3:11; 2 John 8)		
<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Crown</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
1 Cor. 9:24-27	Incarnate	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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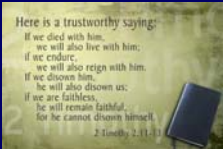
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Trustworthy Statement (2:11-13)

- If we died with Christ, we will live with Christ (11b)
- If we endure for Christ, we will reign with Christ (12a)
- If we deny Christ, He will deny us (12b)
- **If we are unfaithful, Christ remains faithful (13)**



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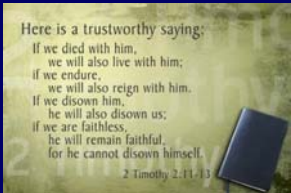
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2 Timothy 2:13

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



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**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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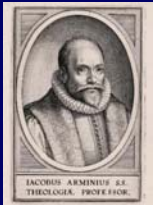
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**5. Passages From Paul**

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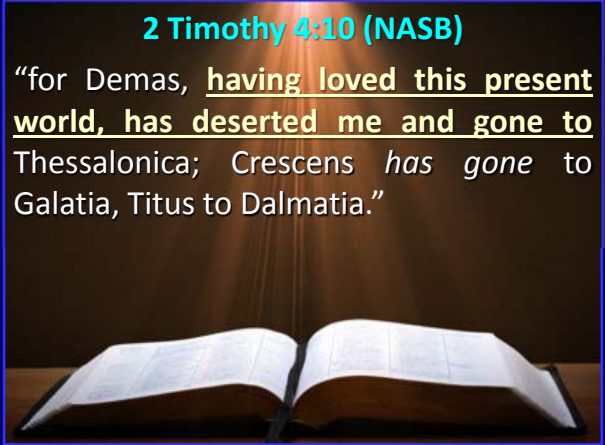
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**2 Timothy 4:10 (NASB)**

“for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens *has gone* to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.”



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2 Timothy 4:10

- Demas was a believer – Col. 4:14; Philemon 24
- Passage does not say that Demas lost his salvation
- Demas became worldly – Luke 4:5-8; 1 John 2:15-17; Rom. 12:2; Jas. 4:4
- Contrast to Paul – 2 Tim. 4:6-8

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CONCLUSION

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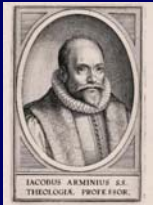
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