


Soteriology
Session 39



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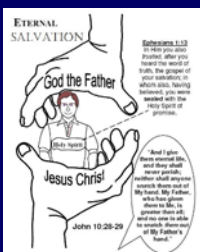


Definition of Eternal Security

“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

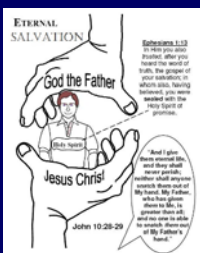
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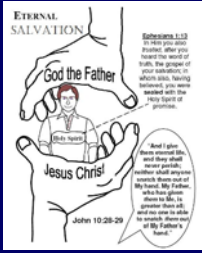
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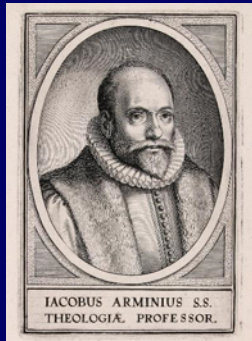


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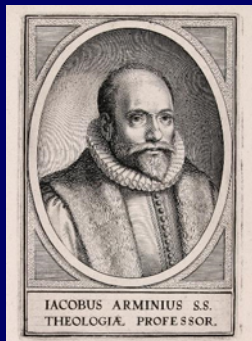
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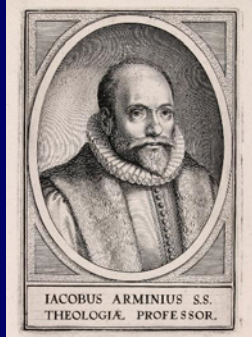
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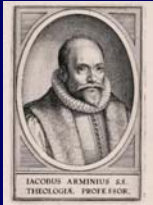


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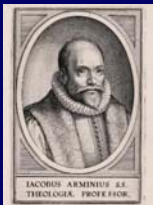
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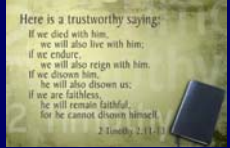
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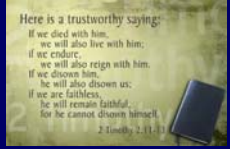
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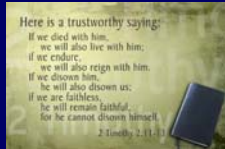
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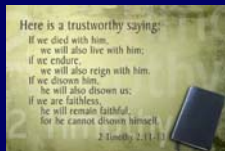
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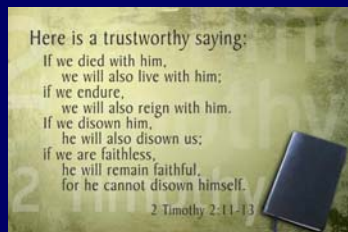
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Name	Sheep and Goat	Judgment of the Jews	<u>Bema Seat</u>	Great White Throne
Scripture	Matt 25:31-46	Ezek 20:33-44	<u>1 Cor 3:10-15</u>	Rev 20:11-15
Place	Earth, Jerusalem	Earth, wilderness	<u>Heaven</u>	Earth
Audience	Gentile Tribulation survivors	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

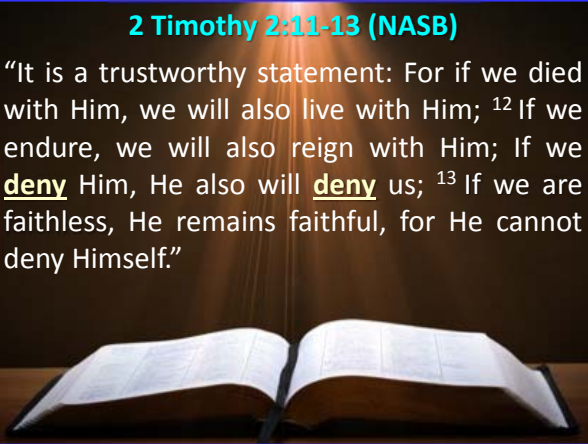
Scripture's Five Crowns (Rev 4:10: 3:11; 2 John 8)		
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1 Cor. 9:24-27	Incorruptible	Gaining mastery over the flesh
1 Thess. 2:19-20	Rejoicing	Soul winning
Jas. 1:12; Rev. 2:10	Life	Enduring trials
1 Pet. 5:2-4	Glory	Shepherding God's people
2 Tim. 4:8	Righteousness	Longing for His appearing

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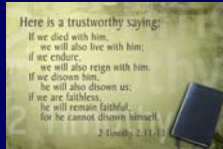


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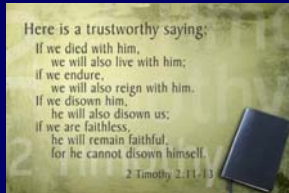
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2 Timothy 2:13

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

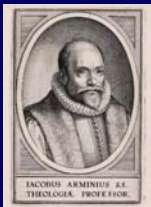


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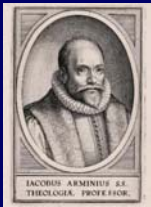
“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.”



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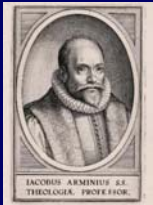
“¹⁹ My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back, ²⁰ let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will **save his soul from death** and will cover a multitude of sins.”



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
 - Life of David

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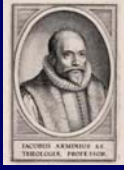
Hebrews 3:6, 14 (NASB)

“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...¹⁴For 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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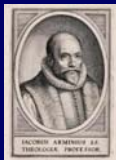
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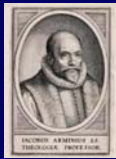
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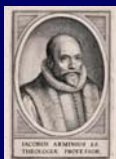
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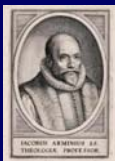
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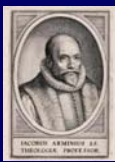
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“Does the phrase “them that obey Him” (Heb. 5:9) suggest that, if we do not obey Him, we may lose that eternal salvation? To “obey God” is the same as “to trust God,” as “them that obey Him” is a description of those who have put their faith in Jesus 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.”

Wiersbe, W. W. (1996). *The Bible Exposition Commentary* (Vol. 2, p. 294). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.



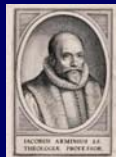
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“The provision of salvation was achieved through the obedience of the Son to the Father at the cross, and the appropriation of salvation is accomplished through the obedience of the repentant sinner toward Christ. In this passage, **obedience is synonymous with faith** (acts 6:7; Romans 6:17; 10:16).”

Gromacki, Robert. (2001). *Bold in Grace: An Exposition of Hebrews* (p. 96). Reprint, The Woodlands, TX: Kress Christian Publications.

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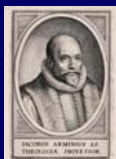
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Hebrews 12:14 (NKJV)

“Pursue peace with all *people*, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord.”



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"The New Testament lays before us a vast array of **conditions for final salvation**. **Not only** initial repentance and **faith, but perseverance** in both, demonstrated in love toward God and neighbor, are part of that holiness without which no one will see the Lord (Hebrews 12:14)."

Horton, Michael. (2006). *Introducing Covenant Theology* (p. 182). Grand Rapids: Baker.

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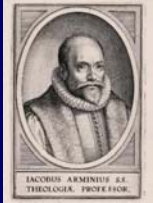
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Passages From the General Letters & Revelation

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d. Heb. 6:4-6		k. 1 John 3:15
e. Heb. 10:26-30		l. 1 John 5:16
f. Heb. 12:14		m. Rev. 3:5
g. 2 Pet. 1:10-11		n. Rev. 22:18-19
