God's Glorious Salvation 4

## 4. Arminianism

- the medieval church: semi-Pelagianism and the need for reform
- meet Jacob Arminius (1559-1609) and the first Arminians
  - theological points of disagreement with Calvinists
    - 1 conditional election God elects to salvation on the basis of meeting the necessary conditions of repentance and faith
    - 2 universal atonement all men can be saved: the cross of Christ is sufficiently meritorious to win the salvation of every man without exception
    - 3 total depravity man is very, very sick spiritually, but insist each person possesses an island of righteousness within them to respond to God
    - 4 sufficient but resistible grace if God calls, you can say 'no thanks,'
    - 5 uncertainty about the perseverance of the saints
  - initial assessment

• meet John Wesley (1703-1791) and his divergence from other Arminians

## How is a man saved?

	Pelagius answers (Pelagianism)	Cassian answers (semi-Pelagianism)	Arminius answers (Arminianism)	Augustine answers (Augustinianism)
the author of salvation	self (autosoterism)	self + God (synergism)	self + God (synergism)	God (monergism)
sin's effect on man	no effect	weakened	weakeneddead	dead
man's spiritual condition	morally neutral	basically good	basically good totally depraved	totally depraved
the condition of man's will	free	free	free	bound
God's grace	helpful	necessary	necessaryessential	essential
heterodox			 	orthodox