

Quiz 13 on Canons Head Five (answer key)

1. The Fifth Head of the Canons is titled, “Of the **Perseverance** of the **Saints.**”
2. True or false: In this life God delivers his people only from the guilt of sin. **False: “also from the dominion and slavery of sin in this life” (See Canons 5:1).**
3. True or false: In this life God delivers his people altogether from the body of sin. **False: See Canons 5:1.**
4. True or false: In this life God delivers his people from the infirmities of the flesh. **False: See Canons 5:1.**
5. True or false: There is no difference between daily sins of infirmity and gross, enormous sins. **False: See Canons 5:2 and 5:4-5.**
6. True or false: The good works of God’s children are only sin. **False: “spots adhere to the best works of the saints” (Canons 5:2)**
7. True or false: The good works of God’s children are genuinely good, but spots adhere to them. **True: Canons 5:2.**
8. True or false: Our imperfection in this life is a reason for humility and seeking refuge in Christ’s blood. **True: See Canons 5:2.**
9. True or false: We mortify the flesh by the spirit of prayer and by holy exercises of piety. **True: See Canons 5:2.**
10. True or false: It is possible for God’s children to persevere in a state of grace if left to their own strength. **False: See Canons 5:3.**
11. True or false: God only begins the work of salvation in us; our persevering in grace depends upon us. **False: See Canons 5:3.**
12. True or false: The weakness of the flesh is able to prevail against the power of God. **False: See Canons 5:4.**
13. True or false: The perseverance of true believers is the fruit of election and a gift gained by the death of Christ. **True: See Canons 5:R:1.**
14. True or false: God influences and actuates believers by his grace in such a way that they cannot fall into sin. **False: See Canons 5:4.**
15. True or false: If a believer deviates from the guidance of God’s grace, the fault is God’s. **False: See Canons 5:4 (they “sinfully deviate”).**
16. True or false: When a believer fails to watch and pray he is liable to be seduced by the devil to commit sin. **True: See Canons 5:4.**
17. True or false: By the righteous permission of God believers sometimes fall into great and heinous sins. **True: See Canons 5:4.**
18. True or false: When a believer walks in darkness he may lose the sense of God’s favor for a time. **True: Canons 5:5.**
19. True or false: When a believer walks in darkness, God begins to hate him. **False.**
20. True or false: The sense of God’s favor is restored *because* the believer repents. **False.**
21. True or false: The sense of God’s favor is restored *when* the believer repents. **True: see Canons 5:5.**
22. True or false: The sense of God’s favor is restored *before* the believer repents. **False: see Canons 5:5 (“until”).**
23. True or false: When a believer walks in darkness, he highly offends God and wounds his own conscience. **True: see Canons 5:5.**
24. True or false: When a believer walks in darkness, he loses the grace of adoption and the state of justification. **False: see Canons 5:6.**

25. True or false: God never permits a true believer to plunge himself into everlasting destruction. **True: see Canons 5:6.**
26. True or false: Because God loves his children unconditionally, he allows them to sin without consequences. **False: see Canons 5:5.**

Thank you for participating! How did you fare?

To brush up or learn something new during your study of the Canons, check out [*Grace and Assurance: The Message of the Canons of Dordt*](#) (Jenison, MI; RFP, 2018) by **Rev. Martyn McGeown**.