

Quiz 15 on Canons Head Five (answer key)

54. True or false: Assurance of perseverance springs from a serious and holy desire to preserve a good conscience and to perform good works. **True: see Canons 5:10.**
55. True or false: Assurance of perseverance is *because of* our good works. **False.**
56. True or false: Assurance of perseverance *depends upon* our good works. **False.**
57. True or false: Assurance of perseverance is enjoyed along a certain path: in the way of obedience. **True: see Canons 5:13 (“the ways of the Lord, which He hath ordained, that they who walk therein may maintain an assurance of persevering”).**
58. True or false: Assurance of perseverance is also enjoyed as we walk in darkness. **False.**
59. True or false: If we did not have assurance of our final perseverance, we would still be happy Christians. **False: see Canons 5:10.**
60. True or false: Assurance of perseverance is always the same: the believer never doubts it to any degree. **False: see Canons 5:11.**
61. True or false: Doubts are to be expected; therefore, doubts are good. **False: see Canons 5:R:6.**
62. True or false: It is praiseworthy to doubt our salvation and final perseverance in true faith. **False: see Canons 5:R:6.**
63. True or false: Although true believers may doubt their final perseverance for a time in periods of great temptation, such assurance is restored to them. **True: see Canons 5:11.**
64. True or false: The certainty of perseverance excites in believers a spirit of pride and carnal security. **False: see Canons 5:12.**
65. True or false: The certainty of perseverance excites in believers humility, reverence, piety, and patience. **True: see Canons 5:12.**
66. True or false: The consideration of this benefit (the certainty of perseverance) is an incentive or a stimulus to live in obedience to God’s commandments out of thankfulness to him. **True: see Canons 5:12.**
67. True or false: If someone recovers from backsliding, he will be more careful to avoid sinning in the future. **True: see Canons 5:13.**
68. True or false: God has ordained a way in which we maintain an assurance of persevering: that is, the way of walking in obedience to God’s commandments in the light. **True: see Canons 5:13.**
69. True or false: If we walk in the darkness of sin, we will still enjoy the assurance of persevering in true faith. **False.**
70. True or false: If we abuse God’s fatherly kindness, he will *not* turn away his gracious countenance from us. **False: he will; see Canons 5:13.**
71. True or false: To the godly the withdrawal of God’s gracious countenance is more bitter than death. **True: see Canons 5:13.**
72. True or false: The godly do not care if God’s gracious countenance is turned from them. **False: see Canons 5:13.**
73. True or false: God preserves, confirms, and perfects his grace in us by means of his Word preached and read. **True: see Canons 5:14.**
74. True or false: Because our perseverance is certain, we do not need admonitions or warnings in the preaching. **False: see Canons 5:14.**
75. True or false: God never threatens his people; therefore, the preacher may never preach threatening texts. **False: see Canons 5:14.**

76. True or false: Without special revelation it is impossible for true believers to have certainty of perseverance. **False: Canons 5:R:5.**
77. True or false: To teach the perseverance of the saints is to promote laziness and laxity of morals in the church. **False: Canons 5:12 and Canons 5:R:6.**
78. True or false: The true church of Jesus Christ has always loved and defended the truth of perseverance. **True: see Canons 5:15.**
79. True or false: The truth of perseverance is revealed in Scripture for God's glory and our comfort. **True: see Canons 5:15.**

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; RFPA, 2018) by **Rev. Martyn McGeown**.