

Quiz on Canons Head One (Articles 1-11; Rejection of Errors 1-6) (answer key)

1. When was the Synod of Dordt? A. 1517-1518; B. 1618-1619; C. 1715-1716.
Answer: B
2. Who was the president of the Synod? A. Simon Episcopius; B. Jan Uittenbogaard; C. Johannes Bogerman. **Answer: C; he was a fiery Dutchman with a long, red beard.**
3. How many Heads of Doctrine are there in the Canons of Dordt? **Answer: Five.**
4. The first Head of Doctrine is called "On Divine _____" **Answer: Predestination**
5. True or false: the Canons mention *election* in Head One, Article One. **False; the word election first appears in Canons 1:6.**
6. True or false: If God had left everyone to perish, he would have been unjust. **False: he would have been just (see Canons 1:1).**
7. True or false: God's love is manifested in the sending of his Son. **True: see Canons 1:2.**
8. True or false: God sends preachers so that men may be brought to believe. **True: see Canons 1:3; it even says "mercifully sends."**
9. True or false: Gospel preachers call men to repentance and faith in Christ crucified. **True: see Canons 1:3.**
10. True or false: The wrath of God abides on a man *only after* he refuses to believe the gospel. **False: the wrath of God is on a man even before he refuses to believe; his refusal to believe the gospel when it is preached to him only exacerbates his guilt.**
11. True or false: Those who receive Jesus the Savior by a true and living faith are saved from God's wrath by him. **True: see Canons 1:4.**
12. True or false: God is at fault for the unbelief of unbelievers. **False: see Canons 1:5; "the cause or guilt of unbelief ... is... in man himself."**
13. True or false: man receives the credit for believing. **False: faith is the gift of God; see Canons 1:5.**
14. True or false: That some receive the gift of God and others do not proceeds from man's freewill. **False: it proceeds from God's eternal decree; see Canons 1:6.**
15. True or false: God graciously softens the hearts of the elect and inclines them to believe. **True; see Canons 1:6.**
16. True or false: the elect believe because they are naturally less stubborn than the reprobate. **False: the elect are also naturally obstinate; see Canons 1:6.**
17. True or false: God leaves the non-elect, or the reprobate, to their own wickedness. **True: see Canons 1:6.**
18. True or false: It is unjust for God to pass by some in the decree of election. **False: it is not unjust; God acts "in his just judgment;" see Canons 1:6.**
19. True or false: The elect and reprobate are equally involved in ruin. **True: see Canons 1:6.**
20. True or false: The decree of election and reprobation is *discrimination*. **True: that is the language of Canons 1:6.**
21. True or false: *Unholy* and *impious* souls find great comfort in the doctrine of election. **False: "to holy and pious souls [it] affords unspeakable consolation" (Canons 1:6).**

22. True or false: Election is God's eternal, unchangeable, and unconditional choice of particular persons. **True: see Canons 1:7.**
23. True or false: Jesus Christ is the eternally appointed Mediator and Head of the elect. **True: that is the language of Canons 1:7.**
24. True or false: The elect are better and more deserving than the non-elect. **False: they are not; see Canons 1:7.**
25. True or false: God has decreed to bestow upon an elect number true faith, justification, and sanctification. **True: see Canons 1:7.**

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.