

### **Quiz 3 on Canons Head One (Articles 12-18; Rejection of Errors 7-9) (answer key)**

48. True or false: The elect never become assured of their eternal and unchangeable election. **False: they do; see Canons 1:12.**
49. True or false: All the elect at all times enjoy the same measure of assurance of their election. **False: “in due time, though in various degrees and in different measures” (Canons 1:12).**
50. True or false: Assurance of election is enjoyed when we walk impenitently in sin. **False: see Canons 1:12-13.**
51. True or false: Assurance of election is enjoyed as we walk in obedience. **True. Only those who walk in the ways of the elect enjoy such assurance (see Canons 1:13).**
52. True or false: Assurance of election is enjoyed *because* we walk in obedience. **False: if by “because” is meant the ground/basis/cause of assurance.**
53. True or false: We can obtain the assurance of our election by inquisitively prying into the deep things of God. **False: we cannot; see Canons 1:12.**
54. True or false: To be assured of our election, we should wait for God to grant us a religious experience. **False: assurance is by faith, not religious experiences (see Canons 1:12).**
55. True or false: The elect attain the assurance of election by observing faith and sorrow for sin in themselves. **True: Canons 1:12 uses the words “attain” and “observing in themselves.”**
56. True or false: When we observe faith and other spiritual gifts in us, it makes us proud. **False: “the sense of certainty of this election afford additional matter for daily humiliation before him” (Canons 1:13).**
57. True or false: The observance of the fruits of election in us gives us a spiritual joy and a holy pleasure. **True: “with a spiritual joy and holy pleasure” (Canons 1:12).**
58. True or false: Faith, filial fear and sorrow for sin are found also in the reprobate. **False: see Canons 1:12 (and Canons 3-4:R:4).**
59. True or false: These things—faith, filial fear, etc—are called the infallible fruits of election. **True: that is the language of Canons 1:12.**
60. True or false: They are called *infallible* because without fail they manifest themselves in every elect person. **True: that is what “infallible” means (Canons 1:12).**
61. True or false: The elect *always* live in the fear of God, hunger after righteousness, and are penitent. **False: they do not; there is also backsliding, but also repentance (see Canons 5).**
62. True or false: The sense and certainty of our election make us humble, pious, holy, obedient, and thankful. **True: see Canons 1:13.**
63. True or false: The consideration of our election leads to carelessness in the keeping of God’s commandments. **False: it does not; see Canons 1:13.**
64. True or false: Since election is eternal, unchangeable, and unconditional we are allowed to live in ungodliness. **False: see Canons 1:13.**
65. True or false: One who refuses to walk in the ways of the elect should still consider himself to be elect. **False: see Canons 1:13.**
66. True or false: Jesus Christ never spoke about the doctrine of election and neither should our preachers. **False: Christ did, and so should preachers (see Canons 1:14).**

67. True or false: God gives men over to sin when they vainly speculate about the doctrine of unconditional election without living in holiness. **True: see Canons 1:13: “These, in the just judgment of God, are the usual effects of rash presumption, or of idle and wanton trifling with the grace of election.”**
68. True or false: Since the doctrine of election is complicated, it is better that it never be preached or taught. **False: it should be preached “with reverence, in the spirit of discretion and piety” (Canons 1:14).**
69. True or false: The purpose of the preaching of election is God's glory and the comforting of God’s people. **True: see Canons 1:14.**
70. True or false: The best way to preach election is to speculate about details which God has not revealed. **False: “without vainly attempting to investigate the secret ways of the Most High” (Canons 1:14).**
71. True or false: There is in this life no fruit and no consciousness of the unchangeable election to glory. **False: there is; see Canons 1:12. The Arminians denied it (see Canons 1:R:7).**
72. True or false: God has decided to leave no one in the fall and condemnation of Adam. **False: God did so decree (see Canons 1:15).**
73. True or false: The gospel comes to some nations rather than to others because they are worthier to receive it. **False: this was the error of the Arminians; see Canons 1:R:9).**
74. True or false: Not all, but only some, are elected, while others are passed by in the eternal election of God. **True; see Canons 1:15: “decreed to leave in the common misery.”**
75. True or false: God’s good pleasure is something that mere creatures are permitted to criticize and condemn. **False: it is irreprehensible (Canons 1:15).**

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; RFP, 2018) by Rev. Martyn McGeown.