

Quiz on Canons Head One (Articles 12-18; Rejection of Errors 7-9)

76. True or false: Reprobation, or rejection, is, like election, eternal, unchangeable, and unconditional. **True: see Canons 1:15.**
77. True or false: God reprobates, or rejects, some because he foresees that they will not believe. **False: God decrees “not to bestow upon them saving faith” (Canons 1:15).**
78. True or false: Damnation, or the actual condemnation of some to hell, takes place on the basis of their sin. **True: “to punish them forever ... on account of their ... sins” (Canons 1:15).**
79. True or false: The reason for God’s decree of reprobation is to display God’s wrath and to make his power known. **True: see Romans 9:22.**
80. True or false: Reprobation makes God the author of—the doer of, the tempter to, the approver of—sin. **False: the very idea is blasphemy (see Canons 1:15).**
81. True or false: Reprobation reveals God to be the righteous judge and avenger of sin. **True: see Canons 1:15.**
82. True or false: It is possible in this life to know with certainty that another person is a reprobate. **False: such knowledge is hidden from us.**
83. True or false: If we have doubts about another person, we should view him and treat him as reprobate. **False: we must exercise the judgment of charity.**
84. True or false: If we do not experience God’s grace operating in us, we should conclude that we are reprobate. **False: see Canons 1:16.**
85. True or false: If I am troubled by my sins, I should conclude that I am reprobate and not repent of my sins. **False: see Canons 1:16.**
86. True or false: If we do not experience God’s grace operating in our lives, we should avoid the preaching since it is only for believers. **False: see Canons 1:16; we should “diligently persevere in the use of means.”**
87. True or false: If we find too much sin in our lives, over which we sorrow, and if our lives, despite our desires, are not as holy as we long for them to be, we are in all likelihood reprobate. **False: we have signs—indeed, infallible fruits—of election (see Canons 1:12; 1:16).**
88. True or false: If we are weak Christians, God will quickly become impatient with us and destroy us. **False: “a merciful God has promised that he will not quench the smoking flax nor break the bruised reed” (Canons 1:16).**
89. True or false: Those who deliberately walk in sin and refuse to be converted should consider themselves elect. **False: they should not; the doctrine of reprobation is “justly terrible” to such people (see Canons 1:16).**
90. True or false: If we think that we are reprobate, the best thing to do is to despair and to live a wicked life. **False: we should repent and believe the gospel.**
91. True or false: The children of believers are naturally better than the children of unbelievers. **False: they are holy, “not by nature, but by virtue of the covenant of grace” (Canons 1:17).**
92. True or false: Godly parents may have no hope for a child who dies before he can confess his faith in Jesus. **False: they have no reason to doubt (see Canons 1:17).**
93. True or false: Godly parents have no reason to doubt the salvation of their infant children who die in infancy. **True: they have no reason to doubt (Canons 1:17).**
94. True or false: Our response to the doctrine of divine predestination should be to adore God’s holy mysteries. **True: see Canons 1:18.**

95. True or false: The best response to the doctrine of divine predestination is to murmur that God is unjust. **False: God forbids such murmuring; see Canons 1:18.**

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.