

The Canons of Dort (1619)
Fifth Head of Doctrine
(The Perseverance of the Saints)

LORD'S DAY #50

REJECTION OF ERRORS

The true doctrine having been explained, the Synod rejects the errors of those:

Paragraph 8

Leader: Who teach: That it is not absurd that one having lost his first regeneration is again and even often born anew.

People: **For these deny by this doctrine the incorruptibleness of the seed of God, whereby we are born again; contrary to the testimony of the apostle Peter: *Having been begotten again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible.***¹

Paragraph 9

Leader: Who teach: That Christ has in no place prayed that believers should infallibly continue in faith.

People: **For they contradict Christ Himself, who says: *I made supplication for thee (Simon), that thy faith fail not,***² **and the evangelist John, who declares that Christ has not prayed for the apostles only, but also for those who through their word would believe: *Holy Father, keep them in thy name, and: I pray not that thou shouldest take them from the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil one.***³

¹ 1 Peter 1:23

² Luke 22:32

³ John 17:11, 15, 20