



## Oceanside URC—Adult Sunday School

“Can God Renew My Backsliding?”

Psalm 30; Canons of Dort 5.6–7

*The Life of Perseverance* #6

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*The child of God can be confident that even in serious backsliding, God can and will renew their relationship to him.*

*But God, who is rich in mercy, according to His unchangeable purpose of election, does not wholly withdraw the Holy Spirit from His own people even in their grievous falls; nor suffers them to proceed so far as to lose the grace of adoption and forfeit the state of justification, or to commit the sin unto death or against the Holy Spirit; nor does He permit them to be totally deserted, and to plunge themselves into everlasting destruction. (Canons 5.6)*

*For in the first place, in these falls He preserves in them the incorruptible seed of regeneration from perishing or being totally lost; and again, by His Word and Spirit He certainly and effectually renews them to repentance, to a sincere and godly sorrow for their sins, that they may seek and obtain remission in the blood of the Mediator, may again experience the favor of a reconciled God, through faith adore His mercies, and henceforward more diligently work out their own salvation with fear and trembling. (Canons 5.7)*

### **A Renewing God (Ps. 30:5)**

*Preservation of Regeneration (1 Peter 1:23)*

*Renewal of Repentance (2 Cor. 7:10)*

*If weeping endureth for a night, and it be a wearisome night, yet as sure as the light of the morning returns after the darkness of the night, so sure will joy and comfort return in a short time, in due time, to the people of God; for the covenant of grace is as firm as the covenant of the day.—Matthew Henry, Commentary on the Whole Bible*

### **A Renewed People**

*Who Seek Remission (Ps. 30:2, 8, 10)*

*Who Experience God’s Favor (Ps. 30:3, 5)*

*For the sake of amplification, accordingly, he immediately adds, Thou hast brought up my soul from the grave He reckoned that he could not sufficiently express in words the magnitude of the favor which God had conferred upon him, unless he compared the darkness of that period to a grave and pit, into which he had been forced to throw himself hastily, to protect his life by hiding, until the flame of insurrection was quenched.—John Calvin, Commentary on the Psalms*

*Who Adore God’s Mercies (Jer. 31:12–13; Ps. 126)*

*Who Work out their Salvation (Phil. 2:12)*