



Oceanside URC—Adult Sunday School

“What is Your Attitude to Perseverance?”

1 Peter 5:8–10; Jude 24–25; Canons of Dort 5.15

The Life of Perseverance #13

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The teaching of the perseverance of the saints elicits a varied response.

The carnal mind is unable to comprehend this doctrine of the perseverance of the saints and the certainty thereof, which God has most abundantly revealed in His Word, for the glory of His Name and the consolation of pious souls, and which He impresses upon the hearts of the believers. Satan abhors it, the world ridicules it, the ignorant and hypocritical abuse it, and the heretics oppose it. But the bride of Christ has always most tenderly loved and constantly defended it as an inestimable treasure; and God, against whom neither counsel nor strength can prevail, will dispose her so to continue to the end. Now to this one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. Amen.

The Attitude of the Carnal (1 Cor. 2:14)

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An attitude that God impresses upon the hearts of the believers...

An attitude that acknowledges its purpose is *for the glory of His Name...* (1 Peter 5:11; Jude 25)

An attitude that receives its benefit for *the consolation of pious souls...* (1 Peter 5:10; Jude 24)

An attitude that responds in love: *But the bride of Christ has always most tenderly loved [it]*

An attitude that responds in defense: *...and constantly defended it...*