

The Canons of Dort (1619)

**First Head of Doctrine  
(Divine Election and Reprobation)**

*REJECTION OF ERRORS*

**LORD'S DAY #12**

**Paragraph 4**

**Leader:** The true doctrine concerning election and reprobation having been explained, the Synod rejects the errors of those who teach: That in the election unto faith this condition is beforehand demanded that man should use his innate understanding of God aright, be pious, humble, meek, and fit for eternal life, as if on these things election were in any way dependent.

**People:** **For this savors of the teaching of Pelagius, and is opposed to the doctrine of the apostle when he writes: *Among whom we also all once lived in the lust of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest; but God, being rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace have ye been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us to sit with him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus; that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus; for by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works, that no man should glory.***<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Eph. 2:3-9