



Oceanside URC—Adult Sunday School

“Salvation Already, Salvation Not Yet”

Romans 6–8; Canons of Dort 5.1–2

The Life of Perseverance #2

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In order for us to know and to experience what it means that we are presently being saved, we need to know what it means to have been saved in the past and that we will be saved in the future.

Salvation Already: Triumph

“Those whom God, according to His purpose, calls to the communion of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and regenerates by the Holy Spirit, He also delivers from the dominion and slavery of sin, though in this life He does not deliver them altogether from the body of sin and from the infirmities of the flesh.” (Canons of Dort 5.1)

Romans 6

Colossians 1, 3

Salvation Not Yet: Toil

“Hence spring forth the daily sins of infirmity, and blemishes cleave even to the best works of the saints. These are to them a perpetual reason to humiliate themselves before God and to flee for refuge to Christ crucified; to mortify the flesh more and more by the spirit of prayer and by holy exercises of piety; and to press forward to the goal of perfection, until at length, delivered from this body of death, they shall reign with the Lamb of God in heaven.” (Canons of Dort 5.2)

Romans 7

God wants us to be humble (Phil. 3:12)

God wants us to be focused on Christ (Phil. 3:7–9)

God wants us to mortify the flesh (Phil. 3:13)

God wants us to long for heaven (Phil. 3:12–14)

Romans 8

Conclusion

“[Perseverance] does not belong to those unhappy people whose religion consists in talk, and words, and a form of godliness, while their hearts are destitute of the grace of the Spirit...Perseverance is the peculiar privilege of real, true, spiritual Christians.” (J. C. Ryle, “Never Perish”)