

Indwelling Sin in Believers by John Owen

Chapter 17: What the Law Can and Cannot Do

- 1) Indwelling sin cannot hold out against the strongest opposition of the law. (True/False)
- 2) There are various ways the law opposes sin:
 - a) It brings sin _____.
 - 1) “But this is what the law does: it _____; it convinces the soul _____.”
 - 2) How do conscience and the law differ in revealing sin?
 - b) It shows _____.
 - 1) How does this change the outlook of the soul on sin?
 - 2) A man may be troubled about sin, but his concern is _____ than its _____.
 - c) It _____ the person.
 - 1) It tells him that he is under _____ and pronounces _____.
 - d) It _____ the soul.
 - e) It _____ the soul (Rom. 7:9).
 - 1) It is easily conquered (True/False)
 - A) It accidentally increases _____.
 - 2) Far from being _____, sin is only _____.
 - A) The power of the law is great and effectual; therefore, it easily subdues sin (True/False)
 - B) The law makes _____ on most.
 - C) If any of the effects of the law do take place, it is not from _____ but from _____.
 - D) Lust is conquered, subdued, and mortified by the power of the law. (True/False)
 - f) The course of sin may be _____ for a time by the law, but _____.
 - g) Owen says that sin is not conquered but diverted. Explain.

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- 3) Owen mentions other fruitless attempts to mortify sin.
 - a) Being awed with a sense of guilt, they attempt to _____ from sin.
 - b) Then they try to _____ but are ignorant of the only way sin may be mortified.
 - 1) What is the only way sin may be mortified?
 - c) They then resort to vows.
 - 1) If they fail to keep their vows, what happens?
 - 2) If they keep those vows, what happens?
 - 3) In what ways is hiding the power of corruption by vows like an infected wound?
 - 4) Human efforts only restrain the _____ of sin, and do not change its _____.
 - d) They also resort to ascetic practices.
 - 1) What are some of these found under the papacy?
 - 2) The whole system of ascetic practices is a _____.
 - 3) They are able to attain the righteousness they aim at. (True/False)
 - 4) What sin loses in sensual pleasures it makes up for in _____.
- 4) Sin does not continue in the soul after conversion. (True/False)