

Indwelling Sin in Believers by John Owen

Chapter 14: Sin Breaking Out

- 1) Because of the power and efficacy of indwelling sin in believers Owen mentions two “bitter fruit” that come forth. What are they?
- 2) He likens these to the _____ stage of the progress of sin from James 1:15.
- 3) Speaking of the deplorable failings of men in Scripture, Owen notes that most of them occur in men who _____ such as Noah, Lot, David, and Hezekiah.
- 4) These men fell into great sin at the beginning of their profession. (True/False)
- 5) For such men to succumb to sin argues a _____.
- 6) Owen notes that all of these men fell after receiving astonishing mercies of God.
 - a) Noah received _____ and fell into _____.
 - b) Lot received _____ and fell into _____.
 - c) David received _____ and fell into _____.
 - d) Hezekiah received _____ and fell into _____.
- 7) Their falling instructs us that no one can be safe from sin’s victory except by _____.
- 8) The power of indwelling sin is also seen in the tendency to _____.
- 9) When Scripture speaks of “the first ways of David” what is implied?
- 10) Among the churches addressed in Revelation, five of them are charged with _____.
- 11) A tendency to decline from what we were in our early communion with God is unusual among professing Christians. (True/False)
 - a) Is _____ as warm as it was when we first gave ourselves to God?
 - 1) “It would be better not to pretend to _____ than to substitute _____.”
 - b) Is delight in _____ the same as it was formerly?
 - c) What of concern for _____ and _____?
- 12) All of this decline comes from indwelling sin, but to exercise power it must _____.

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- 13) To enable us to make progress toward perfection in the Christian life, the word and ordinances of the gospel are given, along with the officers who administer them for three reasons. What are they?
- 14) What are the “continual reminders from God” that Owen lists?
- 15) It is not surprising to see men who run from God torn by various lusts, but to see men who live under spiritual sustenance decaying suggests _____.
- 16) Believers receive _____ from their head, Jesus Christ.
 - a) From these two things _____ and _____ he is said to live in us.
 - b) Spiritual life comes from within you and you are able to maintain it. (True/False)
 - c) Christ gives you enough grace to afford you _____ according to John 10:10.
- 17) Why does Owen say, “Often Christ gives much grace where not many of its effects appear”?
- 18) Explain Owen’s illustration of vigorous sickness as it relates to indwelling sin.
- 19) The efficacy of indwelling sin is such that it can check _____.
- 20) As our faithful High Priest, Christ stands ready to _____.
- 21) As well as the never-failing supply of ordinary covenant grace, Christ gives _____.
- 22) In spite of this, many who receive these provisions decline in their spiritual walk because of the _____ and _____ of indwelling sin.
- 23) Indwelling sin prevails because believers do not desire its destruction. (True/False)
- 24) Describe the illustration of a sea voyage as it relates to indwelling sin on page 139.
- 25) Of all the effects of indwelling sin none is more dangerous than this one that causes many professing Christians to _____.