



## Replace and Renew

Lesson 7

*“Be killing sin, or sin will be killing you.” – John Owen*

- **Acknowledge the spiritual battle:** *Satan’s temptations and God’s testings.*
- **Accept the ground rules:** *God is good, you are responsible for your sin, deliverance is possible in Christ!*
- **Put your past where it belongs:** *Behind you once for all under the blood of Christ!*
- **Focus on God’s purpose:** *The Father’s presence with you to transform you into the image of His Son by His Spirit!*
- **Live the crucified life:** *Knowing, reckoning, and yielding to the reality of our baptism into Christ Jesus.*

*Old habits die hard...sinful ones die even harder!*

### Replacing and Renewing

#### 1. Killing Sin Is a REPLACEMENT Process.

*Colossians 3:9-11; Ephesians 4:17-24*

- This “replacement process” is *life-long* **REPENTANCE** of *forsaking* sinful habits and the *life-long* **embracing** godly ones in Christ.

*1 Thessalonians 1:9-10; Colossians 1:13-14;*

#### Trying to Kill Sin Without Truly Repenting and Replacing

*Matthew 12:43-45*

#### Replacing and God’s Ultimate Purpose

**God’s ultimate purpose** is **NOT** merely **greater purity**, or **better performance**, or even **more power** – **INSTEAD it is the presence of God** living in us to **TRANSFORM** us into **the image of Christ!**

#### Replacing and the Crucified Life

*We live the **crucified life** in **the person Jesus Christ** and **His work for us** and **in us as pictured in our baptism into Him!***

**Bottomline:** *It’s never enough to **REJECT** the sin, you need to **REPLACE** it with righteousness!*

- This “replacement process” provides the **LIVING PROOF** that genuine repentance and deliverance is taking place.

*Luke 3:8-14; Acts 26:20*

- This “replacement process” is a **REPEATED** principle in the Bible.

*“But **FLEE** from these things, you man of God, and **PURSUE** righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness.” 1 Timothy 6:11*

*“Now **FLEE** from youthful lusts and **PURSUE** righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.” 2 Timothy 2:22*

*“Let us behave properly as in the day, **NOT** in carousing and drunkenness, **NOT** in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, **NOT** in strife and jealousy. **BUT PUT ON** the Lord Jesus Christ, and **MAKE NO PROVISION** for the flesh in regard to its lusts.” Romans 13:13-14*

## 2. Killing Sin Requires **RENEWING** Your Mind.

*“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed **by the renewing of your mind...**” Romans 12:2*

*“that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to deceitful lusts, **and be renewed in the spirit of your mind**, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in righteousness and true holiness.” Ephesians 4:22-24*

*“But now you must also put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man **who is renewed in knowledge** according to the image of Him who created him” Colossians 3:8-10*

### Why Is Renewing the Mind So Essential?

*Because the Gospel is a **DECLARATION** of what Christ has done, is doing, and yet to do for us!*

#### ➤ What does “renewing” my mind really mean?

- Replacing my old way of thinking which is **DISTORTED** by sin with God’s **new way of thinking** which is set straight by Christ and the Bible. *Romans 12:2*
- Replacing my old thoughts of who I was in the **PAST** in Adam without Christ with God’s **new thoughts of who I am** right now in Christ. *Ephesians 4:23*

#### ➤ What difference does “renewing my mind” with God’s Word make?

**Old Chinese Proverb:** *Sow a thought, reap an action; sow an action, reap a habit; sow a habit, reap a character!*

- The difference between **TRANSFORMING** and **CONFORMING**. *Romans 12:1-2*
- The difference between **SUBMISSION** and **REBELLION**. *Romans 6:6, 9*
- The difference between a **CLEAN** heart and a **FILTHY**. *Psalms 119:9-11*
- The difference between a **SPIRIT** fruit and **FLESHLY** works. *Colossians 3:16*

*“You aren’t what you think you are; but what you think, you are!”*

#### ➤ How do I renew my mind on a daily basis?

- **IDENTIFY** the thoughts God wants you to replace: *Sins to forsake, temptations to flee, habits to put off.*
- **DISCOVER** God’s thoughts in the Bible which are the opposite of the ones you want to replace.
- **MEMORIZE** in order to think on God’s Word anytime and anywhere.
- **MEDITATE** on God’s Word as you go to sleep and as soon as you wake.  
*Psalms 4:3-4; 63:6-7; 77:11-13; 119:14-16, 26-28, 47-48, 77-79, 147-149; 143:5-6*      Handout: *Meditate for R.E.N.E.W.A.L.*
- **REPLACE** negative/sinful thoughts with **promises** from God, **prayer** to God for yourself and others, and **praise** to God and for others!

*“Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.”  
2 Corinthians 4:16*