

Chapter Nine

1. The first dangerous symptom is 'inveterateness', which means something firmly established by persistence.

What is dangerous about sins which have been left alone for a long time?

2. The second dangerous symptom is the desire for peace without dealing with our sins in the way the gospel directs.

What are the ways we do this?

How is this actually making use of the gospel for the end of sin rather than the end God intends for it?

3. The third dangerous symptom is sin's ability to gain the consent of our will even though it may not lead to the sinful deeds.

What is the danger if we are not actually carrying through with the deed?

4. The fourth danger is a tendency to deal with our sin using only consequences or punishments to motivate us.

What is wrong with this, and why will it not work?

What does it look like to contend with sin using the gospel rather than the law?

5. The fifth danger is when we experience a distance from God caused by sin that it leaves us disturbed as to whether we have received forgiveness.

Have you experienced this before?

What should we do in these circumstances?

6. The sixth dangerous symptom is when God had already worked in your life against a particular sin, but the sin finds its place in your life again.

How does this happen?