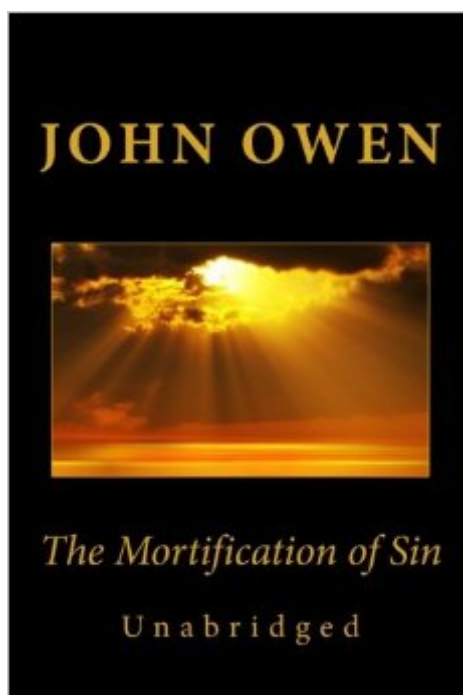


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"The Mortification of Sin" was written by John Owen, one of the best known of the Puritans. In "The Mortification of Sin," John Owen insisted on the importance of the Christian dealing effectively with their sinful tendencies and attitudes. He believed that God, through his Word and Spirit, had provided the guidelines and the power for this to be achieved. In "The Mortification of Sin," John Owen effectively dismisses various excuses for not engaging in self-scrutiny and yet avoids the current trend of self-absorption. In so doing he provides principles to help believers live lives of holiness. As with all of Owen's writings, "The Mortification of Sin" continues to be widely read and greatly appreciated to this day.

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The Mortification of Sin, published in book form in 1656, originated as a series of sermons Owen preached in Oxford. Owen is not the easiest to read, but if you're comfortable reading the King James Version, you should be able to manage Owen just fine. If the language proves to be a challenge, a slightly modernized (but unabridged) version of this book has been published under the title *Overcoming Sin and Temptation*, which also includes two companion works, *Of Temptation* (1658) and *Of Indwelling Sin in Believers* (1667). As you read the book, you should be aware that Owen uses a few terms for sin that we may be unaccustomed to. When he uses the word "lust," he uses it in the Biblical sense to mean any natural, sinful desire (not necessarily sex-related, as we are used to thinking of it). He also uses the term "distemper," which typically refers to an illness or disease, but in this case it refers to spiritual illness, ie. sin. Of course, like all good Puritan

theologians, Owen makes good use of the Scriptures and includes many references throughout the book to support his statements. In his introduction to the book, J. I. Packer remarks that many of today's readers will find it difficult to relate to and to take to heart what Owen has to say for four reasons. He believes that today's churches don't emphasize enough: 1) God's holiness, 2) The significance of motivating desires within, 3) the need for self-scrutiny, and 4) the life-changing power of God. Owen believes that mortifying sin - putting sin to death - is essential to the life and spiritual health of every believer.

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