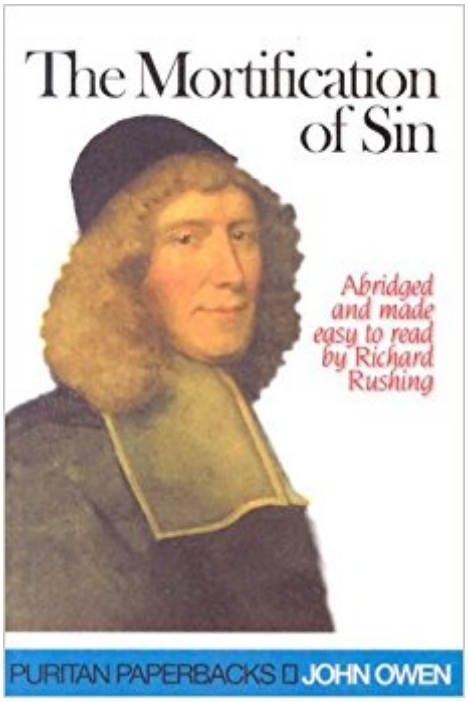
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Synopsis

In this abridgement of a classic work, the famous Puritan John Owen shows the need for Christians to engage in a life-long battle against the sinful tendencies that remain in them, despite their having been brought to faith and new life in Christ.Owen is very insistent that believers cannot hope to succeed in this battle in their own strength. He sees clearly that the fight can be won only through faith in Christ, and in the power of the Spirit. Fighting sin with human strength will produce only self-righteousness, superstition and anxiety of conscience. But with faith in Christ, and with the power of the Spirit, victory is certain. The temptations in times like Owen s and ours are obvious on every side; the remedy to them is clearly pointed out in this practical and helpful book.

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"I owe more to John Owen than to any other theologian, ancient or modern, and I owe more to this little book than to anything else he wrote." (J. I. Packer ~ Well known author & Board of Governors' Professor of Theology, Regent College, Vancouver, Canada) --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

John Owen was born in 1616 in Stadhampton, Oxfordshire and died in Ealing, West London, in 1683. During his sixty-seven years he lived out a life full of spiritual experience, literary accomplishment, and national influence so beyond most of his peers that he continues to merit the accolade of 'the greatest British theologian of all time.'

Quotes from this entry include:"The choicest believers, who are assuredly freed from the condemning power of sin, ought yet to make it their business all their days to mortify the indwelling power of sin.""Mortification from a self-strength, carried on by ways of self-invention, unto the end of a self-righteousness, is the soul and substance of all false religion in the world.""...the mortification of indwelling sin remaining in our mortal bodies, that it may not have life and power to bring forth the works or deeds of the flesh is the constant duty of believers.""If sin be subtle, watchful, strong, and always at work in the business of killing our souls, and we be slothful, negligent, foolish, in proceeding to the ruin thereof, can we expect a comfortable event? There is not a day but sin foils or is foiled, prevails or is prevailed on; and it will be so whilst we live in this world.""The greatest part of popish religion, of that which looks most like religion in their profession, consists in mistaken ways and means of mortification.""...unless a man be regenerate, unless he be a believer, all attempts that he can make for mortification, be they never so specious and promising, -- all means he can use, let him follow them with never so much diligence, earnestness, watchfulness, and intention of mind and spirit, -- are to no purpose.""...be sure to get an interest in Christ; if you intend to mortify any sin without it, it will never be done." "If we will do any thing, we must do all things. So, then, it is not only an intense opposition to this or that peculiar lust, but a universal humble frame and temper of heart, with watchfulness over every evil and for the performance of every duty, that is accepted.""He, then, that would really, thoroughly, and acceptably mortify any disquieting lust, let him take care to be equally diligent in all parts of obedience, and know that every lust, every omission of duty, is burdensome to God, though by one is so to him.""Sometimes in reading of the word God a man stay on something that cuts him to the heart, and shakes him as to his present condition. More frequently in the hearing of the word preached, his great ordinance for conviction, conversion, and edification, doth he meet with men. God often hews men by the sword of his word in that ordinance, strikes directly on their bosom-beloved lust, startles the sinner, makes him engage unto the mortification and relinquishment of the evil of his heart.""The excellency of a believer is, not that he hath a large apprehension of things, but that what he doth apprehend, which perhaps may be very little, he sees it in the light of the Spirit of God, in a saving, soul-transforming light; and this is that which gives us communion with God, and not prying thoughts or curious-raised notions."

When I first started reading this book, I had a profound sense of disappointment over the abridgment of this work by John Owen. It was as if it did not remain consistent with his writing style. But, maybe I was the one at fault for looking down over the modification and idolizing Owen’s highly technical writing. For that, I do apologize.Having said all that, the message and content of the book

is not diminished whatsoever. Richard Rushing did an excellent job maintaining the gist of the book. It still cuts to the sinful state of our hearts, convicts us of our sin and sinful attitudes, and exhorts us on what we must do as believers to mortify sin and grow in Christ.It is my conviction that Owen would have approved of the updated language so that his readers would grow and continue to be sanctified in Christ. After all, he was known for actually sitting in on a few sermons that John Bunyan preached and appreciating Bunyan's simple yet poignant sermon deliveries.Thus, I STRONGLY recommend this book to every Christian.

John Owen challenges the reader to mortify his sins and follow Christ. He tackles most areas of our sinfulness and shows how we can crucify them to the cross of Christ. Written in a different style, you may think of tossing it aside but I promise, you will be spiritually renewed and changed if you stick with it.

Nothing will rekindle a longing for the knowledge of God and His holiness than a return to acknowledging our bent toward evil and discovering how to deal with the "sin that so easily besets us". John Owens, well known Puritan theologian wrote his classic Christian manual, The Mortification of Sin during a time when people were encouraged and exhorted to think deeply about sins' ramifications and how it affected God and his kingdom (and not just themselves). This little book teachs about spiritual warfare and how to view the wiles and ways of our spiritual enemy; to know sin - "to labor to be aquainted with the ways, wiles, methods, advantages and occasions of it's success..." I highly recommend this book to any serious contender for the faith of Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Good info on putting to death sin in our lives.

Very hard to read as written in old English. Makes good points.

John Owen makes the best argument I've ever read about needing to be vigilant, searching, and fearless, for observing one's sin and asking the Holy Ghost for help, because due to our sin nature, we cannot stem the tide of the crushing weight of our sins. Only Jesus' sacrifice obtained forgiveness, and in striving to be holy as Our Father is holy, we need help. The only thing I don't like about the book is it's left in period English, which is laborious reading. Anyone interested in the nature of, and dealing with, sin should read this.

A must-read for all Christians. It makes you hate your sin and fall more deeply in love with your Lord.

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