

Message Notes

"The Basis for Busting up Sin"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – *"A nice walk in the woods"*

Hearing for the first time!

A verse that stopped me in my tracks
(1 Peter 2:11)

The layout of Owen's "Mortification of Sin"

Reading Schedule for the rest of the series:

June 1st - Chapter 9

June 8th - Chapter 10

June 15th - Chapter 11

June 22nd - Chapters 12-13

June 29th - Chapter 14

Two General Directions:

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Back to 1 Peter 2

1. It starts with Believing or Rejecting
(1 Peter 2:4-8)

2. Who are you? Where is your identity?
(1 Peter 2:9-10)
(Exodus 19:3-8)

3. Will you fight to obey Christ?
(1 Peter 2:11)

Wait a minute?!?! How are we going to be different than the Israelites?
(Jeremiah 17:9, 31:31-34, Ezekiel 36:25-27)

4. Why engage in battle with sin?
(1 Peter 2:12)

Application – *"Trust and Obey, for there's no better way to be happy in Jesus, but to Trust and Obey!!!"*

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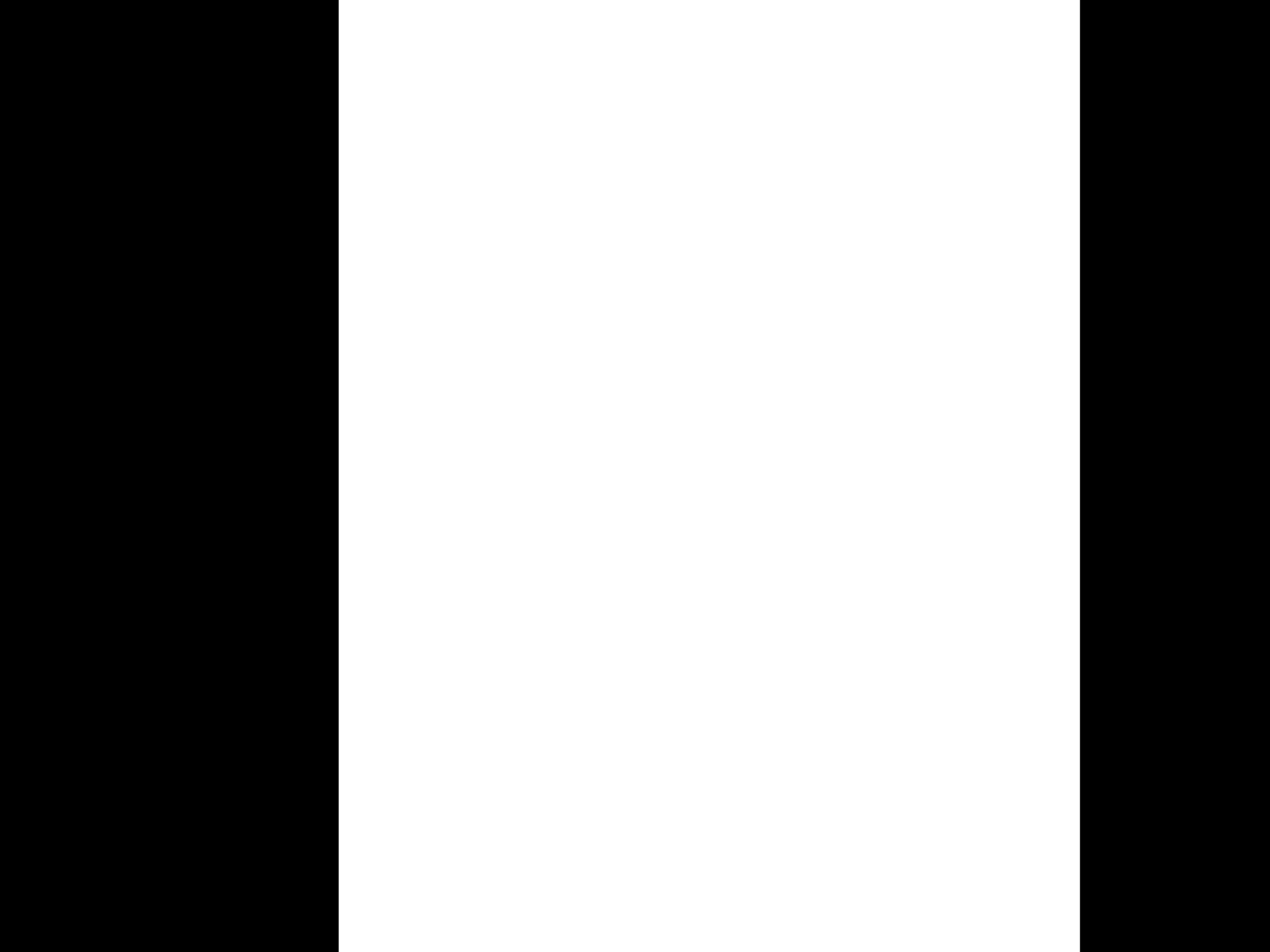
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A study of John Owen's "A Mortification of Sin"

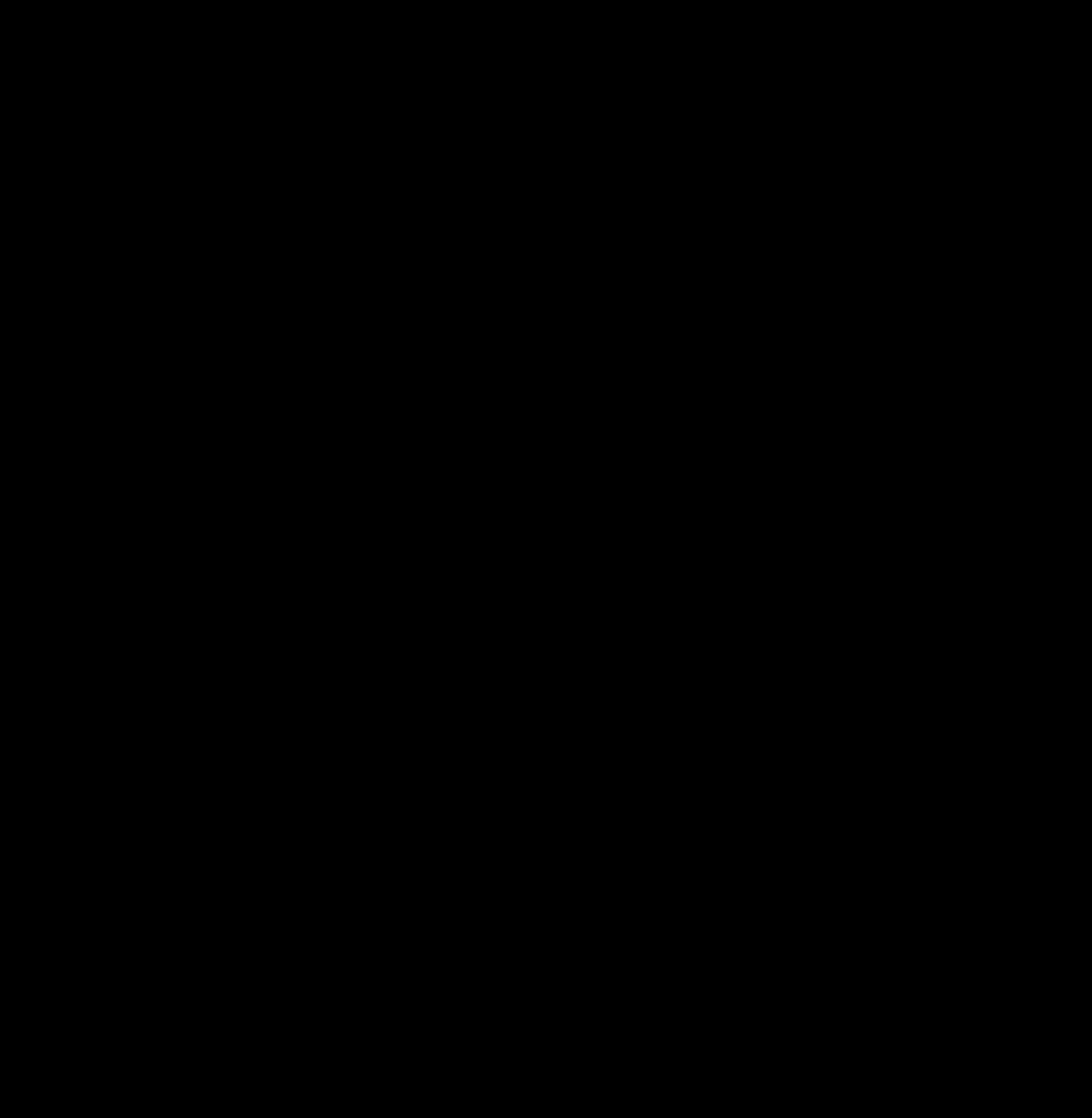


Foundation for Mortification

Romans 8:13

“If you through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body you shall live.”





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he can never mortify any one sin.”

~ John Owen - The Mortification of Sin quoted from
Overcoming Sin and Temptation, page 79

“I say, then, mortification is not the present business of unregenerate men. God calls them not to it as yet; conversion is their work—the conversion of the whole soul—not the mortification of this or that particular lust... When the Jews, upon the conviction of their sin, were cut to the heart and cried out, “What shall we do?” (Acts 2:37), what does Peter direct them to do? Does he bid them go and mortify their pride, wrath, malice, cruelty, and the like? No; he knew that was not their present work, but he calls them to conversion and faith in Christ in general (v. 38). Let the soul be first thoroughly converted, and then, “looking on him whom they had pierced” [Zech. 12:10; John 19:37], humiliation and mortification will ensue.”

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“To inveigh [censure] against particular sins of ignorant, unregenerate persons, such as the land is full of, is a good work; but yet, though it may be done with great efficacy, vigor, and success, if this be all the effect of it, that they are set upon the most sedulous [constant] endeavors of mortifying their sins preached down, all that is done is but like the beating of an enemy in an open field, and driving him into an impregnable castle, not to be prevailed against. Get you at any time a sinner at the advantage, on the account of any one sin whatsoever? have you anything to take hold of him by?—bring it to his state and condition, drive it up to the head, and there deal with him. To break men off particular sins, and not to break their hearts, is to deprive ourselves of advantages of dealing with them.”

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2. Once a person has trusted and is trusting Jesus Christ ALONE for meaning, love, purpose, identity, and salvation, THEN it is vital to be diligent in OBEDIENCE.

“The second principle which to this purpose I shall propose is this: Without sincerity and diligence in a universality of obedience, there is no mortification of any one perplexing lust to be obtained.”

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“Hatred of sin as sin, not only as galling or disquieting, a sense of the love of Christ in the cross, lies at the bottom of all true spiritual mortification.”

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“Now, it is certain that that which I speak of proceeds from self-love. You set yourself with all diligence and earnestness to mortify such a lust or sin; what is the reason of it? It disquiets you, it has taken away your peace, it fills your heart with sorrow and trouble and fear; you have no rest because of it. Yea, but friend, you have neglected prayer or reading; you have been vain and loose in your conversation in other things, that have not been of the same nature with that lust wherewith you are perplexed. These are no less sins and evils than those under which you groan. Jesus Christ bled for them also.

“Why do you not set yourself against them also? If you hate sin as sin, every evil way, you would be no less watchful against everything that grieves and disquiets the Spirit of God, than against that which grieves and disquiets your own soul. It is evident that you contend against sin merely because of your own trouble by it. Would your conscience be quiet under it, you would let it alone. Did it not disquiet you, it should not be disquieted by you.

“Now, can you think that God will set in with such hypocritical endeavors—that ever his Spirit will bear witness to the treachery and falsehood of your spirit? Do you think he will ease you of that which perplexes you, that you may be at liberty to that which no less grieves him? No. God says, “Here is one, if he could be rid of this lust I should never hear of him more; let him wrestle with this, or he is lost.”

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