Outline

*John Owen on the Christian Life*

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**Introduction**

1. **The Plan of Salvation**
   - The beginning of his ministry
   - The Congregationalist
   - A wider sphere of influence
   - Dean and Vice-Chancellor
   - Last days

2. **The Plan of Salvation**
   - The doctrine of the covenant
     - The covenant of works
     - The covenant of grace
     - The covenant of redemption
     - The covenant of Sinai
   - Union with Christ

3. **Grace Reigns Through Righteousness**
   - The effects of sin
   - Regeneration
   - The use of the law
   - The structure of sanctification
   - The progress of sanctification
     - Negatively considered
     - Positively considered
   - Restoration of the image of God
   - The Christian’s duty:
     - To honour Christ
     - To mortify sin

4. **Fellowship with God**
   - Communion with the Father
   - Communion with the Son
   - Communion with the Holy Spirit

5. **The Assurance of Salvation**
   - The assurance of forgiveness
   - Practical rules for assurance
   - Hindrances to assurance
   - The seal of the Spirit

6. **Conflict with Sin**
Sin’s dominion ended
Sin’s presence continued
Temptation abound
Mortification required

7. **The Fellowship of the Saints**
   The nature and government of the church
   The Lord’s congregation
   Order in the church
   Ministry in the church
   Unity of the church
   The individual in the church
   Valid church life
   The charge of schism
   Church membership
   Discipline

8. **Scripture and Ministry**
   Scripture
   Inspiration
   Authority
   Preservation
   Attestation
   Understanding
   Influence
   Ministry
   Gifts and graces
   Extraordinary gifts
   Ordinary gifts

9. **Sacraments and Prayer**
   Sacraments
   Baptism: initiation into covenant life
   Lord’s Supper: covenant seal
   Prayer
   A covenant privilege
   The matter of prayer
   The manner of prayer
   A Scriptural duty

10. **Apostasy and Its Prevention**
    The Danger of Apostasy
    Apostasy from gospel doctrine
    Apostasy from gospel holiness
    Apostasy from gospel worship
    Spiritual Mindedness the Preservative
The objects of spiritual thoughts
The nature of spiritual mindedness
The development of spiritual mindedness

11. Perseverance and the Goal
   Perseverance
   The Goal
       Christian character
       External glory

Postscript