

**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 Salvatio**

- 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**