## We Must Kill Our Sin

Scripture: Romans 8:13

Series: Revival

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## **Overview**

Main point: To truly live you must learn to kill.

In this text, Paul awakens us to the reality that the Christian life is a life of spiritual war. Put more sharply by John Owen, "Be killing sin or it will be killing you." This is not simply behavior modification, but growth in faith and godliness through a deepening knowledge of Christ and His work in our salvation. It is through the killing, or mortification, of our sin that we find life—vivification—in the Spirit.

## **Corroborating Texts**

Psalm 34:14, Isaiah 1:16–17, Galatians 5:16–17, 2 Corinthians 10:4–5, Ephesians 4:17–32

## **Discussion Questions**

- 1. In urging us to kill sin, Paul is taking sin seriously. How does this compare to your usual posture towards sin?
- 2. Why should we pursue not only mortification (the killing of sin) but also vivification (life in the Spirit)?
- 3. Of the three "knowing" steps to killing sin (know Christ, know self, know what is possible) which area of knowing do you most need to grow in?
- 4. Which of the "doing" steps (identify your sins, confess your sins, fight sin / be intentional, remove temptation or self, meditate on scripture, pray for help, preach to self) comes most naturally and which of these steps require more effort?
- 5. What scripture has helped you in killing your sin?
- 6. How can others pray for you in your fight against sin?

