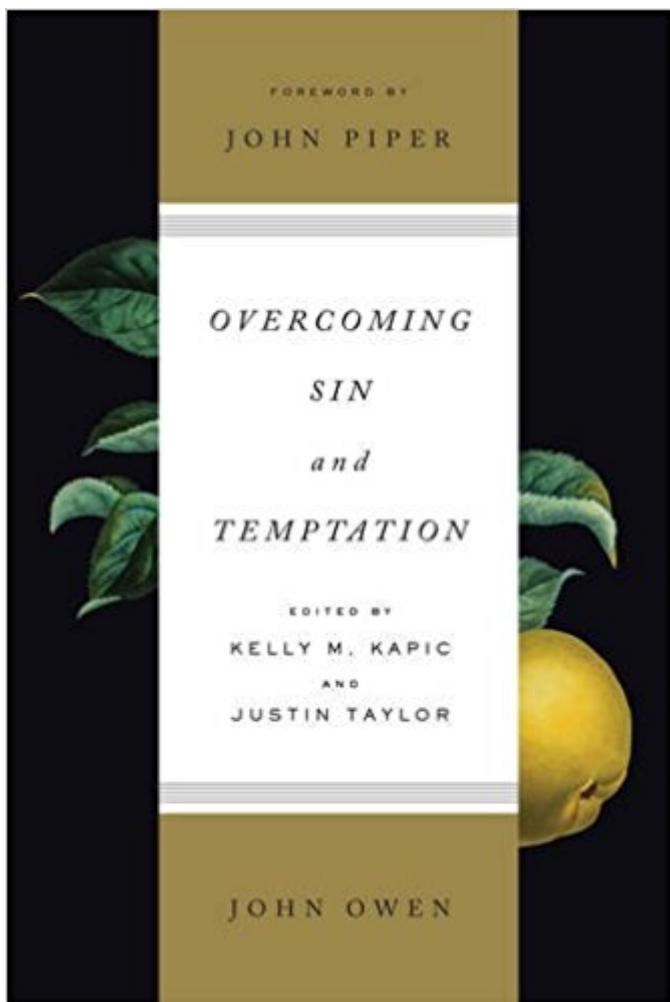


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# Overcoming Sin And Temptation (Redesign)



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John Owen A (1616–1683) was vice chancellor of Oxford University and served as advisor and chaplain to Oliver Cromwell. Among the most learned and active of the Puritans in seventeenth-century Europe, and known as the "theologian's theologian," A he was accomplished both in doctrine and practical theology. Kelly M. Kapic (PhD, King's College, University of London) is professor of theological studies at Covenant College, where he has taught for over fifteen years. Kapic has written and edited over ten books, focusing on the areas of systematic, historical, and practical theology. Kapic has also published articles in various journals and books. Kapic and his wife, Tabitha, live on Lookout Mountain with their two children. Justin Taylor (PhD, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary) is the executive vice president of book publishing and book publisher at Crossway. He has edited and contributed to several books, including *A God-Entranced Vision of All Things* and *Reclaiming the Center*, and he blogs at *Between Two Worlds* • hosted by the

Gospel Coalition.

My buddy and I have been in an accountability relationship for years. And while we've been able to keep our lust trapped in a cage, it is always there waiting to wreak destruction on our lives and our relationships. We feel like we only have partial victory as we diligently guard ourselves. Then we found this book. It has been a breath of fresh air in our battle with sin. We are only 75 pages into this 400 page book, but it is powerful, full of truth, and we are hopeful that it will ultimately lead us to greater victory in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit as we seek to get to the next level in our mental and spiritual battle over sin and temptation. When we finish the book, I will post an update.

It's not as hard to read as one might think. Other titles by John Owen are much harder to read. Perhaps it's because I already read it using the Ages Software version which had MANY typo (scanning) errors. I also have read the entire WORKS of John Owen and I read the King James Version of the Bible so I'm a little use to him. This book gives handy footnotes so we dont have to look so far for definitions of obscure/obsolete words. Quality paper and binding as well. It's worth the price even though I already have the book in electronic edition (Logos Edition and Ages Software)

It is really good to read John Owen's insights into the power and constancy of indwelling sin, the continual external trials and temptations, the methods and malice of the devil and the great goodness and sufficiency of our Maker in Christ. Owen's teaching is thorough and combines an understanding, gentle and forthright pastoral heart with a deep knowledge of the Scriptures. This edition is very helpful with its explanatory footnotes of old English words. These books are super practical: be aware, watch and pray, the battle will continue till the Lord takes us; by the Spirit put to death the misdeeds of the body; God is good - and His is the kingdom, the power, the glory.

This is a rather difficult book to read because the author was from many, many years ago, and looked at sin and temptation in a different light. What he says I do believe is truth, and I believe he was certainly anointed by God to write this book. Every Christian would benefit from delving into this, taking it to heart and also taking John's advise. However, don't be in a hurry to read it because you may miss out on some very spiritual things he wants one to understand. I had to read parts of it over several times.

I'm not finished with the book because Owen was a man with an impressive vocabulary and some of the words carry a different meaning in their original context and that is why I'm so glad that Kelly Kapic and Justin Taylor were studious enough to give more explanation in their footnotes. John Owen had a real gifting from God to have so much insight. At times, it amazes me how much insight he has of the nature of human sin. As a Christian who has read a good number of books over the years on the subject of battling sin, this one missed my attention. I will say you should be a person who does enjoy the challenge of reading classical Christian literature because you will need to consult a dictionary on occasion but if you have an interest to truly analyze your personal sin, then I would highly suggest you consider reading this book. I would really like to find other men who could have an interest in discussing the content of this book online. Maybe a facebook group or simple email exchange. I'm open to thoughts on this. I think this could be helpful and motivating and could help clarify some of the topics that Owen tackles.

The best Christian book ever written other than the Bible, of course. I wish I had read it years ago I would have understood things I have struggled with for years that for some reason are no longer clearly taught in most churches. Read this book but be prepared, it is not light reading and starts slow but continually gets better and better.

This is a very in depth book. Is wonderful and tremendous, but very hard to read. You will have to read sections over and over to really get an understanding.

The overview and summaries of John Owen's work and the reworking of the old English really make John Owen accessible to the average lay person. Regarding John Owen's treatment of the mortification of sin and temptation, these are heavy reads but a chapter a day is very doable and it is a gold mine for meditation on this issue; full of conviction and inspiration for the task at hand. I am so thankful for the work of Kapic and Taylor! It has inspired me to start their work on John Owen's "Communion with the Triune God"

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