

Chapter 1 : Communion with the Triune God by John Owen | Tony Reinke

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Forward by Kevin J. Alongside the common fare today, Owen stands like an imposing yet stately variegated oak rudely protruding beside a functional white plastic fence. He is not easy reading. He is not easy reading even in his most readable moments, as in his books on The Person of Christ included in volume 1 or his Exposition of Psalm included in volume 6. And his Communion with God , here presented in a carefully edited format by Kelly Kopic and Justin Taylor, is not as comfortable to navigate as those works. Why then this new edition? Many sound reasons could be given. Certainly Owen made important contributions to our understanding of the Trinity that ought to be heard again. Or it could be explained that he was a theologian of the heart, a master at bringing God into the quandaries of facing life in a fallen world and so making Him less formal and impersonal. For John Owen, as for the Puritans generally, theology was the most human expression of truth, not primarily for the academy but for the Churchâ€”for the congregation. Communion with the Triune God is an exposition of the doctrine of the Trinity for the children of the triune God. Kopic really sets the stage for the feast to come. II with page numbers relating to the treatise encourages the wary to sample parts of the book before taking the plunge. What about the book itself? Well, first it is full of Scripture. Owen pulls passages from every corner of the Bible to demonstrate the comprehensive teaching he is concerned to drive home. This method is amply evident in the first chapter pp. For example, he includes separate sections on communion with the Father, then the Son, then the Spirit; and explains how the Persons communicate to the believer and how each One is to be regarded and addressed. Regarding communion with the Father: To believe on the Son of God in this place [Owen is citing 1 Jn. Speaking of the Son: Jesus Christ is a plant and root out of dry ground Isa. Finally, with regard to the procession of the Spirit from the Father and the Son in the work of salvation: And on this authoritative mission of the Spirit does the right apprehension of many mysteries in the gospel, and ordering of our hearts in communion with him, depend. If you are not used to Puritan theology, surely it is about time to discover what you have been missing! A little side note might be helpful here. As any fan of the great man knows, Owen is fond of stating his intentions quite early on his books and then telling his reader that a fuller treatment of these matters lies in wait for him later on. This technique can be rather off-putting for someone who has wrestled not to miss the point of what Owen is saying, only to be told that the real explication has yet to begin. But perseverance will have its reward. But they have supplied help with the terminology wherever needed. The editors are to be thanked for this new edition of a great classic by a truly great Christian man. He is a member of Mambrino Baptist Church. [Click here to learn more about SharperIron book reviews.](#) For further reading on the life and theology of John Owen:

Chapter 2 : Book Review: Communion with the Triune God | SHARPER IRON

Communion with the Triune God - John Owen The introduction from Kelly M. Kapic is quite helpful, allowing the reader to map Owen's unique thought and balance of doctrine and application. Of Communion with the Father.

Puritan theologian John Owen recognized the great need for every believer to understand the triune God. *Communion with the Triune God* revisits the truth presented by John Owen and challenges all believers to truly recognize and appreciate the ministry that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit have in their lives. This work of John Owen encourages Christians to enjoy true communion with each person of the triune God. Lewis understood the devotional benefit of reading good theology. I found my heart singing while reading this lengthy treatise on the Trinity written years ago by an English Puritan pastor-theologian. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Kapic and Justin Taylor have once again done the church a great service by publishing this book. Following a Foreword by Kevin J. Vanhoozer, Kapic provides a helpful introductory essay, "Worshiping the Triune God: In other words, the editors let Owen speak for himself. The original content is reformatted to assist the modern reader. All Greek and Hebrew words are transliterated. Pithy Latin phrases are translated. Difficult words are footnoted. This is good news for those of us who find Owen difficult to read. However, the effort required to read this book will be repaid many times over. Mining for gold is always hard work. Passages like this keep me coming back to Owen to mine for more gold: All who desire to grow in their love and adoration for the glorious Triune God will want to read this book. Lestourgeon on Oct 18, In John Owen put pen to paper and produced an organized treatise on the Trinity based on a series of sermons years earlier. He wrote as both a visionary of timeless truth and as a product of his times. Over the years, the barrier of time and the evolution of language have reduced Owen to a name seminarians might have heard about in Church History or the focus of study for only the most dedicated theologians. Kelly Kapic and Justin Taylor think that should change. A modern reader no longer has an excuse to avoid this classic work. In three main divisions, Owen systematically introduces the three persons of the Trinity and painstakingly in a quite positive sense details their roles and works in the lives of believers. The work is balanced as to the persons of the Trinity, meaning that it is not a distant look at an Almighty Father or a charismatic ballyhoo over the Spirit. Rather, each person of the Trinity gets his due as a person who wants to relate to each of the people of God. Owen, in keeping with the New Testament emphasis, rightly devotes the most contemplation to the work and fellowship of God the Son, but he does so in a way that emphasizes the holistic nature of our communion with God. The book is theology done well, but is not merely a list of theological categories or abstract metaphysics. Owen wants you to know God, to fully know Him, to love Him, to abide in Him, to truly commune with Him in a deep and eternal way. But once you get into the ebb of his words and the flow of his thought, you find yourself loving God more as you realize all of the ways He intends to be a constant enlivening part of your life. The editors have done a fine job "cleaning" the text with restraint. At times, I thought they actually showed too much restraint, electing to preserve words like "nigh" with a footnote explaining the word means "near. It was quite helpful in enjoying the text proper. I recently prepared a study of the Trinity for use in my church. Reading *Communion With the Triune God* helped the study stay focused on abiding with God instead of falling to the level of regurgitating factoids and formulas. Take some time with this book, perhaps a few sub-sections at a time, and revive the union with the Triune God who communicates Himself to us. John Owen made accessible. By Jeremy Kimble on Oct 04, Kelly Kapic and Justin Taylor have once again done a huge service for the church by making John Owen accessible to those who desire to read him. Certainly Owen is still a towering theological giant that is challenging to read, but many barriers that could have been used as excuses have been removed in *Communion with the Triune God*. Kapic and Taylor have chosen a tremendous work to edit as this volume deals with rigorous exegesis, Trinitarian theology, and the practical idea of how it is we relate to God and He relates to us. Within this book we find Owen dealing with not just how we relate to God, but how we relate to each person of the Triune Godhead. All the while Owen keeps before us that the oneness of God as well, which is not easy task, but embodies the mystery of the Trinity. For the Father Owen stresses the love that emanates toward His people, and towards Him, realizing

that there are similarities and distinctions between these types of love. This love that the Father bestows on His people should be something we treasure everyday, and we should allow it to cause us to delight in Him. In relation to the Son where Owen spends the majority of his time, the idea of grace is lauded and seen as where our fellowship with him consists. In this section we get an unbelievable display of who Christ and all that he has accomplished on our behalf, particularly in his death and resurrection. It was at the cross that grace was purchased on our behalf, and something we should see as infinitely valuable through this eminent description. It is through the acceptance of the gospel that we are able to relate to Christ and enjoy the benefits in all things pertaining to life and godliness. Owen cites many different blessings we experience in Christ, all of which should drive us to have the obvious commitment he had in relating to the Son of God in an intimate way. Finally, Owen gets into relating to the Holy Spirit, and what his actual ministry is in our lives as we commune with him. Owen is thoroughly scriptural in his assessment, and it should give rise to praise in our hearts for all that the Spirit does on our behalf. In this and the other sections it is helpful that Owen raises and answers objections to his positions, as we still face many of the same questions today, though perhaps in a different form. Even with all of these updates this work is not for the fainthearted, and perhaps that is the only weakness of this volume. None of the works of Owen would be considered light reading in contemporary society. However, the effort put forth will reap benefits beyond what one can imagine. John Piper has exhorted us to find a dead hero, delve deeply into his works, and live with him there. I for one have decided to go with John Owen, who though challenging to read, has been pushing me spiritually for a while now. Thank you Kelly Kopic and Justin Taylor for your work on this, it is greatly appreciated. I had read from his commentaries, but never one of his works. Kopic and Taylor do an excellent job providing background for, summarizing, outlining, and updating the work. Although Owen wrote in , the editors have changed or defined the archaic language and formatting in order to help the modern reader. Many Christians, in their worship, have sought to worship God only as One. Owen points out many instances in the New Testament where the persons are distinct, and argues that since they are distinct, we should relate to each, Father, Son, and Spirit. Particularly, Owen argues that communion with the Father is characterized by his love for his people. Whereas Christians many times feel oppressed by thoughts of an almighty and vengeful Father, the author demonstrates that the Father relates to the saints in love through Christ. In our age there are some distortions of what it means to be in a relationship with Jesus Christ. Some are pleased to simply do their duty to Christ, as a worker to his boss. Others see Christ as friend, but lack the understanding and reverence of Christ as husband. Owen argues that the communion believers have with the Son consists in grace. Christ, in taking joy in his beloved wife, the Church, purchased and cleansed her with his blood. The saints, in seeing his beauty, and treasure and prefer him above all other "pretenders. Owen concludes his book with a discussion on the communion believers have with the Holy Spirit, relying on John. Not only is the Spirit given from the Father and Son, but he himself bestows power, willingness, and gifts for the strengthening of believers. He comforts the saints with the love of God and the grace of Christ. As such, he brings into view, not just himself, but the entire Trinity. Many Christians have all but lost any concern for communion with the Holy Spirit. Others have placed their focus on him, so displacing the Father and Son. If someone glorifies the Holy Spirit without acknowledging the Son, then something has gone awry, because the Spirit wants to lift up the Son for all to see and enjoy. In his concluding paragraphs, he reaches the pinnacle of his arguments: In worshiping one person, we worship the whole Trinity. In praying to one person, we pray to the whole Trinity. In approaching God, we worship the whole Trinity. Christians who worship and pray and approach God with these ideas in mind will, no doubt, experience God in a fresh and exciting way, and perhaps commune with him in an entirely new way, as the Triune God. It is through these men that I was introduced to John Owen, one of the most amazing and prolific writers of his time. From my viewpoint, this book is going to have a completely different, but no less significant, impact on my life. Nonetheless, it is very rewarding. My reading of this work has opened my eyes to the distinct personality of our God as Father, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Almost a work left unpublished, we are blessed that Owen completed the work requested of him. While it is a work not to be taken lightly, reading Communion will be time well spent and will pay benefits for many years to come if time and effort is properly invested. Kopic and Taylor have done a good job of making this work available to the modern reader.

They have left the original vocabulary, providing definitions in the footnotes for words no longer in common use. In addition, they have updated the method of Scripture citation and the usage of pronouns. Sorry, no "thee" or "thou". They have also provided an outline of the work with page numbers to make it easier for the reader to follow along. The introduction by Kelly Kopic is also very helpful in providing background on the theology of John Owen. Kopic address this in his quite well in his introduction, "While allegorical interpretations of this great biblical poem can be highly suspect and problematic, we should nevertheless avoid throwing the baby out with the bath water Elsewhere in Scripture God is described as in a marital relationship with Israel, and Christ is the groom of his church, the bride. In fact, one day there will be a great wedding celebration when this relationship will be consummated in its fullness!

Chapter 3 : Communion with the Triune God

The saints have distinct communion with the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. —John Owen 1. The doctrine of the Holy Trinity was foundational for the theology of John Owen —as Richard Muller observed to be true among orthodox Reformed theologians generally.

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Chapter 4 : Of Communion with God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost - Christian Classics Ethereal Library

And Communion with the Triune God is his most extraordinary effort. No one else has laid open the paths of personal fellowship with the three persons of the Trinity the way Owen does. What an honor it would be to God if more of his children knew how to enjoy him the way Owen does."

But he makes me angry! I pat myself on the back. After coming so close after weeks of careful study, I take off in chase, refusing to concede my victory. It will take several hours to track and corner him again. I kick the dirt, raise the flag of surrender, and order abridgements. If this is your experience in reading unabridged versions of John Owen, pull up a seat. We are told Owen is great. But Owen is hard. Everyone who has tried to capture Owen knows this. The solution is to find a travel guide who has mastered Owen, knows his movements, and spots his trails. This work is perhaps the most valuable book on battling indwelling sin. It, too, is a masterpiece of Christian literature. So what is communion? Are we talking wafers and wine? The full original title is revealing: This is a book about knowing God better. Owen gets interesting because communion is a relationship of shared or mutual affection. In other words, when Owen speaks of our communion with God, he really means active communion, and not merely a state of passivity. But Owen focuses on an applied Triunity presented within the context of experiencing shared affections, responses, delights and satisfaction. The only way we can experience God is to know God! If I may speak to personal benefits, this work has most helped me comprehend the love of the Father. Even after my conversion eight years ago, it was common for me to think the Father was always simmering on the brink of anger towards me. This false theology rooted in self-righteous legalism is dismantled by Owen in Communion. The Father loves His children deeply! But until we grasp the love of the Father, Owen argues, we will never experience communion with Him. In a favorite quote, Owen calls us remember the wrath of God has been appeased in Christ. What is at the bottom of this distemper? Is it not their unskillfulness in or neglect of this duty, even of holding communion with the Father in love? So much as we see of the love of God, so much shall we delight in him, and no more. This, if anything, will work upon us to make our abode with him. If the love of a father will not make a child delight in him, what will? Put, then, this to the venture: I dare boldly say: Sit down a little at the fountain, and you will quickly have a further discovery of the sweetness of the streams. To be sure, the Cross brings a radical change. God the Father as holy wrath-bearer becomes God the Father, my adoptive Father! Leave it to a 17th century Puritan to bring me to my knees in conviction, praise and delight. The theology of relational theology. For Owen, until our theology is straight, our communion with God will be stunted. The language of relational theology. The robust language of Owen is beautiful. For example, in our communion with God the Son, Owen frequently employs words like sweetness, delight, honor, safety, comfort, tenderness, purity, glory, beauty, and rejoicing see p. And when Owen speaks of communion, he says things like: Our justification before God is no legal fiction! As a further benefit, if we understand God in His Triunity " and our communion with this Triune God " we begin to understand our identities as children of God. And from this self-identity we have a basis for pursuing holiness and living the Christian life well. The Derek Thomas interview unfolds this further. Communion with the Triune God is securely positioned as a great Christian masterpiece. There are many other highlights, and we invite you to join TSS in our month-long study of them. Features of edition Those familiar with Overcoming Sin will notice a similar size almost exactly the same pages in length , the same fonts and familiar layout. Here are some of the more important features. The helpful forward by Kevin Vanhoozer is an apologetic on why the Church needs to hear from Owen on this subject. Kapic is the author of the book Communion with God: This essay is an excellent overview, a topographical map of the terrain covered by Owen. The text has been completely retypeset, and is clean and sharp. Hacking out some of the unnecessary obstructions makes our view of Owen a bit clearer. No matter how deep in digression you find yourself and you may be surprised how lost you get , a simple check of the clear outline will locate where you stand in the overall argument of Owen. The present volume contains a page outline! One noticeable improvement from Overcoming Sin to Communion is the placement. This is an improvement, because an outline of Owen is essential preparation for the journey. Once again the difficult words are defined in

footnotes and cumulated in a glossary at the end of the book. I use this glossary frequently when reading other Puritans like Bunyan and Goodwin. With the rise in Puritan literature has been a rise in retypeset editions, which make the original indexes useless. These retypeset editions are often being printed without topical or Scriptural indexes of their own, and this is most unhelpful. Publishers, please remember a retypeset book needs a fresh index. The excellent topical index in the Crossway volume is a detailed and priceless tool for the reader and preacher. Combined, the detailed topical and Scriptural indexes make Owen more accessible and useful than ever. Conclusion In *Communion with the Triune God*, Taylor and Kopic have given the Church a resource to help us and future generations track and catch that wascally wabbit, John Owen. One of the great publishing highlights of Read our interview with Dr. Derek Thomas about *Communion with the Triune God* here. *Communion with the Triune God* Primary author: John Owen Secondary authors: Kopic, Justin Taylor Reading level:

Chapter 5 : Communion with God Quotes by John Owen

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Chapter 7 : Communion with the Triune God by John Owen

Communion with the Triune God is an exposition of the doctrine of the Trinity for the children of the Triune God. This edition is enhanced by an admirable essay by Kopic on Owen's conception of the.

Chapter 8 : John Owen on the Gospel and Communion With God | Adrian Warnock

To that end, a great book to study is John Owen's Communion with the Triune God. It was originally published in as Of Communion with God the Father, Sonne, and Holy Ghost, Each Person Distinctly in Love, Grace, and Consolation: or The Saints Fellowship with the Father, Sonne, and Holy Ghost, Unfolded, but in Kelly Kopic and Justin.

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