

# Message Notes

## The Raw Gospel (pt 2) - Us

# Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

**Introduction** – *The beauty and horror of the gospel*

God. Us. Jesus. Response.

### Who are we?

1. The Beginning (Genesis 1, 2, 3)  
a. Created by God (Genesis 1:26-31)

b. The Duty (Genesis 2:15-18)

c. Image of God

Rational  
Volitional  
Relational  
Emotional

d. Our Purpose

Rule the earth  
Tend the Garden and Care for it  
Be Fruitful and Multiply

2. The Problem (Genesis 3:6-7, 16-24)

3. The world we live in (Genesis 3:20-24)

So, who are we?

Created in the Image of God  
Fallen

4. Q. How does this manifest itself out in the rest of the Old Testament?

A. Idolatry (Jeremiah 2:11-13)

**Yeah, but that was Old Testament stuff. Let's hear the good news (gospel)!**

1. How Paul begins his gospel (Romans 1:16-17)

2. How Paul wants you to feel the gospel (Romans 1:18-32)

a. Wrath of God is being revealed (Romans 1:18-20)

b. Why is God so angry? (Romans 1:21-23)

c. What is the wrath of God *right now* (Romans 1:24-32)

**Application** – *Are you horrified by your sin?*

### Romans 1:16-32

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*Other passages used - see Message Notes*



# MEETINGS

NONE OF US IS AS DUMB AS ALL OF US.





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## LAUNCH DAY CELEBRATION 10-10-10

### COUNTDOWN TO LAUNCH DAY

**7**  
Days

**2**  
Hours

**35**  
Minutes

**47**  
Seconds

Trinity City Church (TCC) is a new church that is starting in [Saint Paul](#). This church gathers at [1849 Marshall Avenue](#), which is in Merriam Park and near the [University of Saint Thomas](#) and [Macalester College](#). Our mission is *to glorify Jesus by igniting a movement of the gospel for the joy of our city and all nations*. On 10-10-10 at 10am, we will have the Launch Celebration, which is the service that celebrates the start of this new church. Currently, we are having weekly Preview Services every Sunday at 10am.

You can find out ways to [get connected](#) through our weekly Community Groups, Prayer Gatherings, and Preview Services. Also, you can keep updated on the latest events by following [our calendar](#). E-mail any questions to [life@trinitycitychurch.org](mailto:life@trinitycitychurch.org).

To hear more about the vision to start a new church here in Saint Paul, listen to [this message](#) by Pastor Bryan that was delivered at [Hope Community Church](#).

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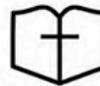
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# GOSPEL

BEAUTY. HORROR. LOVE. WONDER. MERCY. WRATH. GOD.



# The Raw Gospel



**TIEPOLO, Giovanni Battista, *The Prophet Isaiah* 1726-29 Fresco**  
200 x 250 cm Palazzo Patriarcale, Udine



**EDINGEN VAN AELST, Pieter van**, *The Miraculous Draught of Fishes* c. 1519

Tapestry in silk and wool, with silver-gilt threads, height 490 cm, width 441 cm Musei Vaticani, Vatican

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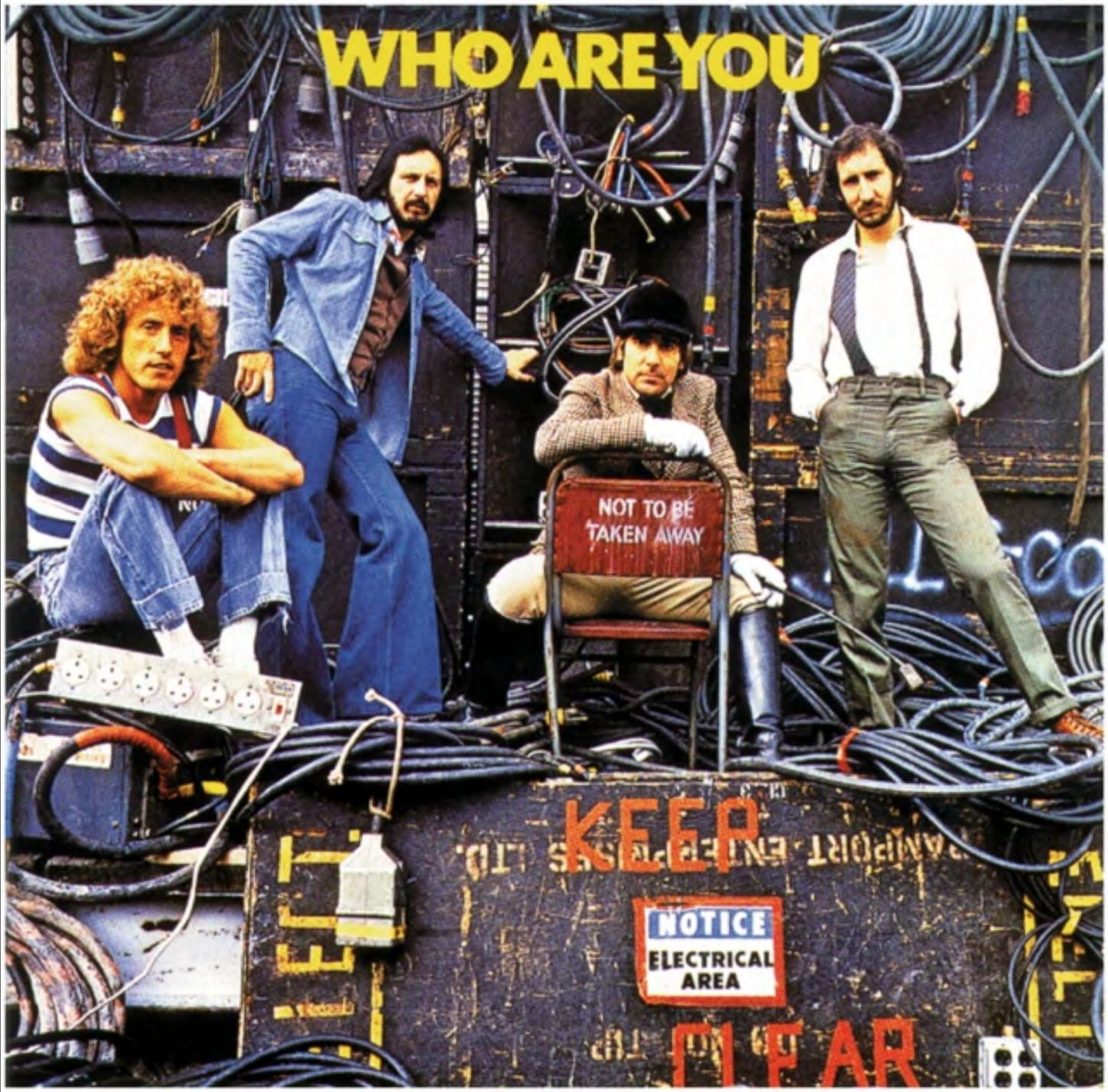
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<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

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<sup>31</sup>God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning – the sixth day.

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#### **Genesis 2:15-18**

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; <sup>17</sup>but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.”

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

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<sup>6</sup> When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

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<sup>17</sup>To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat of it,’ “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. <sup>18</sup>It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”

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They have forsaken me, the spring of living water,  
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**But that is so Old Testament...**  
**Give me some good, gospel news!!**

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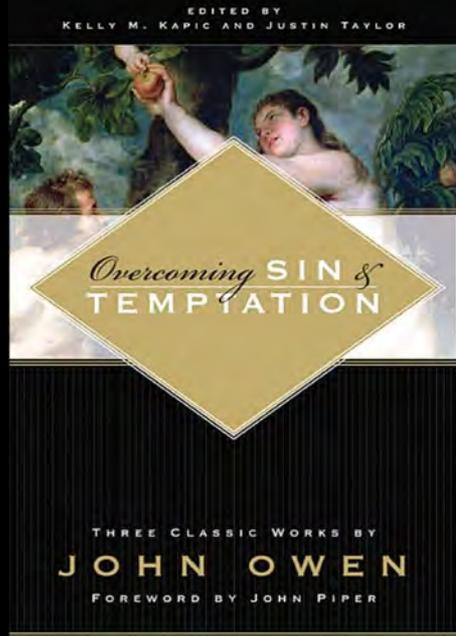
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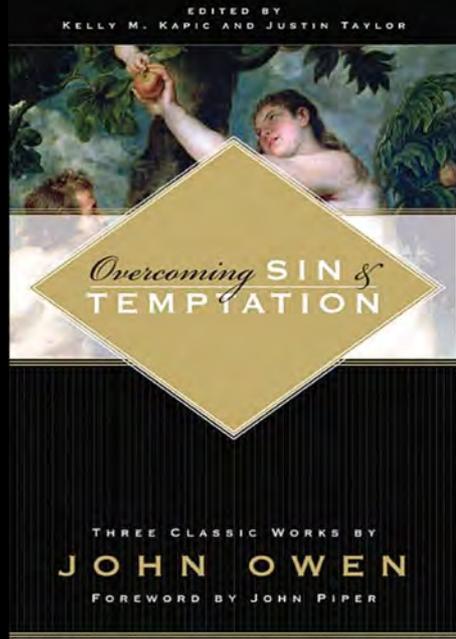
*Overcoming* SIN &  
TEMPTATION

THREE CLASSIC WORKS BY  
**JOHN OWEN**  
FOREWORD BY JOHN PIPER



“What have I done? What love, what mercy, what blood, what grace have I despised and trampled on! Is this the return I make to the Father for his *love*, to the Son for his *blood*, to the Holy Ghost for his *grace*? Do I thus repay the Lord?

Have I defiled the heart that Christ died to wash, that the blessed Spirit has chosen to dwell in? And can I keep myself out of the dust? What can I say to the dear Lord Jesus? How shall I hold up my head with any boldness before him? Do I account communion with him of so little value, that for this vile lust’s sake I have scarce left him any room in my heart? How shall I escape if I neglect so great salvation?



“In the meantime, what shall I say to the Lord? Love, mercy, grace, goodness, peace, joy, consolation—I have despised them all, and esteemed them as a thing of naught, that I might harbor a lust in my heart. Have I obtained a view of God’s fatherly countenance, that I might behold his face and provoke him to his face?

Was my soul washed, that room might be made for new defilements? Shall I endeavor to disappoint the end of the death of Christ? Shall I daily grieve that Spirit whereby I am sealed to the day of redemption”?

~ John Owen, *The Mortification of Sin*

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“The Gospel is that I am far worse than I imagine and simultaneously more loved and accepted by God than I ever dared hope for — because of Jesus death for me.”

“"My memory is nearly gone, but I remember two things, that I am a great sinner, and that Christ is a great Saviour."”

