

The approved method of serving God is by Jesus Christ. He is the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by him. Kissing was an act of worship among idolaters. So God says, Cease to kiss the calves and the images of Baal and other false gods, and kiss my Son; serve idols no longer; serve the Son of God. We must honour the Son, even as we honour the Father. We must call Christ Lord. We must worship the Lamb. To kiss was also to profess loyalty and allegiance. So to kiss the Son is the same as to submit to him, to accept him in all his offices, to yield our wills to his, and obey his laws, however made known to us. To kiss is also to express affection. We must Christ, or terribly perish. If Christ is not precious to us, it is because we are unbelievers. To kiss is also to declare reconciliation and to say that we are at peace. Jesus Christ is our peace. With him, and, through him, with his Father we are at one. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way.

The conclusion of the whole matter is that all those who rely on the Son of God, and accept him as their Saviour, and none others, are truly happy. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him. Or, Oh the blessedness, etc. We may not trust in men, ourselves or others. In particular men may never put confidence in their own works, in their own merits, in their own strength, but must take Christ Jesus as their wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption, their Prophet, Priest and King, their all and in all. Life, death, judgment and eternity will prove all such men blessed. God pronounces them so.

None, who hear the Gospel, can give any solid reason for perishing. One question the wicked can never answer, Why will ye die? Their sin is that after their hardness and impenitent hearts they treasure up unto themselves wrath against the day of wrath. Everything is against them. O reader, be wise; turn and live. My heart wishes you the possession of those principles which would support you in all the changes of life, and make your dying pillow comfortable. Are you unwilling to be happy? Or can you be happy too soon? Many persons are now looking upon you, who once were as you now are. And I doubt not, they are praying that you may be as they now are. Try to pray for yourself; our God is assuredly in the midst of us. His gracious ear is attentive to every supplicant. Seek him while he is to be found. Jesus is the author of that faith, by which alone you can come rightly to him. If you ask it of him, he will give it you; if you seek it, in the means of his appointment, you shall assuredly find. If you refuse this there remaineth no other sacrifice for sin. If you are not saved by faith in his blood, you are lost forever. O 'kiss the Son lest he be angry, and you perish from the way, if his wrath be kindled, yea, but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.' W S Plumer

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*I will give thee thanks in the great
congregation: I will praise thee among
much people. Psalm 35:18*

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