



KISS THE SON PSALM 2:12

By Joe Norton

Since the Christian Age began, our relationship with God has been, and always will be, determined by our relationship with His Son, Jesus Christ. We can't know God nor expect Him to know us if we refuse to submit to Jesus.

And this relationship will be based upon our attitude—that is, upon our willingness to admit that everything we do, spiritually or otherwise, does not have to be based on our own ideas. If we believe it is my way or the highway, we can never have a satisfactory relationship with God or Jesus.

We must submit—give ourselves to God and allow Him to direct us through His word. Along with several other lessons, this is the lesson Psalm 2 teaches. The culmination of the psalmist's teaching comes in this last verse where he says "Kiss the Son." What does he mean by this command?

A kiss is a symbol of many things, both good and bad in scripture. The most obvious example of its representing something bad is when Judas kissed Jesus in the Garden to indicate to the soldiers which person they were to capture—a kiss of betrayal.

As far as a good symbol, the kiss represents love, devotion, friendly affection, family ties, tribute to an idol, and many others. In this passage, it means "to pay homage to." "Homage" means "respect or reverential regard" or "respect paid by external action."

"Kiss the Son" is an expression meant to convey the idea that followers are to be devoted to Him. By

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definition, the word indicates this expression should be something outward; that is, we are not to keep our dedication and devotion to Jesus hidden under a basket—it is to be something we do openly so that others may see it and follow our example.

On the other hand, it is not something we do for show. It is just ordinary, everyday actions that we perform with a sincere heart. We don't kiss Him with a betraying kiss as Judas did but with a believing kiss.

This teaching includes all of humanity because all have a relationship with God—a relationship of one kind or another—either an obedient relationship or a rebellious relationship. The Jews, at the time this psalm was written, had to follow this instruction just as much as the kings and rulers did if they were faithful to God. We

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are no different today, and we have many scriptures in the New Testament that verify this fact. Jesus says, *"If a man love me, he will keep my commandments"* (Luke 14:23).

How, then, do we "Kiss the Son"?

1. With a kiss of adoration and worship. Those who worshiped idols kissed them. *"Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him"* (1 Kings 19:18).

2. With a kiss of affection and sincere love and of allegiance and loyalty. We enter into a covenant relation with Him and let Him be precious to us. We love Him as much as the woman who anointed Him with oil and used her tears to wash his feet in Luke 7:37-38.

3. With a kiss of agreement and reconciliation. We turn from our acts of rebellion and find peace with God in Jesus Christ who is our peace. We submit to His government, take His yoke upon us, and give up ourselves to be governed by His laws and entirely devoted to His interests.

Then we are "kissing" the Son.



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7:00 pm (6th & 7th)

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Speaker: Jerry Dickinson

7:30 pm (18th - 20th)

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10:00 am & 2:30 pm (22nd)

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