

## Sermon Summary

### THE VERY FIRST “KISS OF LIFE”

When God made the Earth, He also made a man to care for it. He made the man in His own image. He loved all His creation but especially the man. He showed His love with a kiss that blew the breath of life into the man’s nostrils – the first “kiss of life”. He made a woman because alone the man was incomplete just as God would be incomplete without any one of His three persons Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He loved them both; He walked with them in His creation; He talk with them. They were His companions. The man and the women were free to do whatever they wanted and being made in God’s image He wanted them to use their curiosity, creativity and intelligence. God saw all His creation and it was good.

There was one problem that God foresaw. If the man and the women learned that there could be bad as well as good then they would become motivated to want more, do more and experience more of things that would undermine the Good Earth that God had created. God saw it would be necessary to limit the freedom of the Man and the Woman in just one way. He commanded them not to eat of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. So long as they kept within that barrier, they would need no other barriers. But if they went beyond it and disobeyed His one command then, inevitably, they would find themselves imposing more and more restrictions, erecting more and more barriers in futile attempts to limit the harm they were causing.

In this service we will look in some detail at God’s creation of humankind, His love for them and how He tried to keep them in the perfect paradise He had made for them.

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